

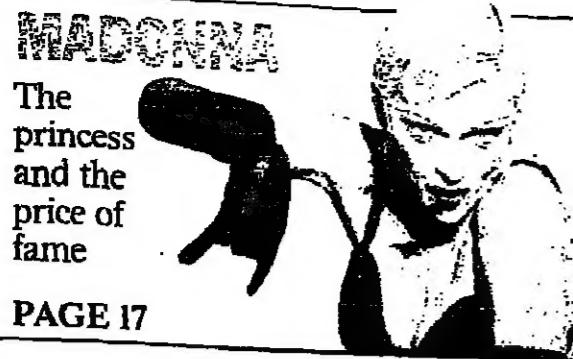
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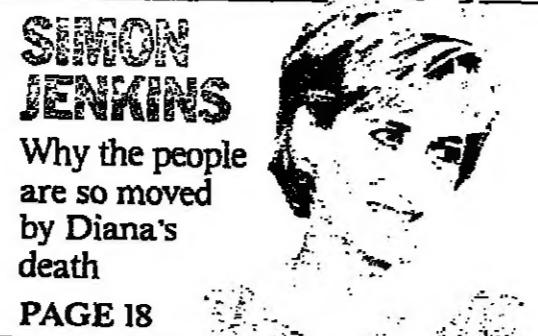
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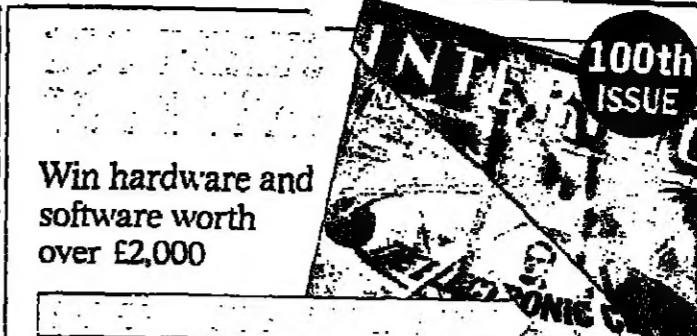
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## Paparazzi are charged with manslaughter

FROM CHARLES BRENNER AND STEPHEN FARRELL IN PARIS

SDK photographers and a motorcycle courier who allegedly chased Diana, Princess of Wales, and Dodi Fayed to their deaths in Paris are to face manslaughter charges.

The seven, who were detained at the scene of the crash early on Sunday, will also be charged with failing to help the victims. Police reports yesterday described the photographers' behaviour as "vile" as they clamoured to take pictures of the wrecked car and its occupants.

The manslaughter charges were brought by the investigating judge Hervé Sépulcre in spite of evidence that the man driving the Mercedes was drunk and against the advice of the state prosecutor who said there was no evidence that the photographers had forced the Princess's car off the road. Officials said that the alleged inebriated state of Henri Paul did not detract from the gravity of the conduct of the pressmen.

Lawyers for the photographers complained, however, that their clients were being made scapegoats because of the victims' celebrity and the need for a show trial. At least two of the men were said to have arrived at the scene after the police, including the Sigma agency's award-winning war photographer Jacques Langevin whose lawyer said he had "happened upon the accident" while driving home.

Apart from M Langevin, those charged were Romuald Rat, 30, of the Gamma Agency; Christian Martinez, 35, who works for Daniel Angeli — the man who took the pictures of the Duchess of York sucking John Bryan's toes; Nicholas Arsov, 30, of Sipa; the freelances Serge Arnal, 35, and László Vélez, 48; and the Gamma driver, Stephen Darmon, 30.

The seven were all told by M Sépulcre that they were being "placed under examination" on charges of involuntary homicide — the lesser of two manslaughter offences — and

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with non-assistance to endangered persons.

Under the French legal system, however, the bringing of initial charges is a less definitive step than in England. The examining judge will not decide until after an investigation lasting several months whether the case should actually go to court. If it did, the men would be judged by a lower-level criminal court without a jury and if convicted they would face a maximum of five years in jail.

All seven were released last night pending further investigations, after M Sépulcre overruled prosecutors who said that the behaviour of M Martinez and M Rat had been "so despicable" that they should be held in custody.

Police reports leaked yesterday said that officers had to call in reinforcements to deal with the photographers, who had put up strong resistance when told to move away. One was quoted as saying: "Let me do my job. In Sarajevo, the cops let us work."

"Further evidence from closed-circuit television cameras, confiscated photographs and eye-witness account had established that the photographers had obstructed police work as they took pictures of the car.

So far, the only hard evidence gathered by police concerns events after the accident and investigators have still not confirmed claims by lawyers acting for Mohamed Al Fayed that the photographers had provoked the accident that killed his son.

Bernard Darneville, acting for M Al Fayed, had pressed for the men to face the more serious manslaughter offence received death threats.

of "delivering fatal blows", and yesterday the Harrods owner filed a civil suit that will allow him to take part in any trial involving the photographers and to claim reparation if they are convicted.

The lawyer Georges Kiejman said that he had informed the investigating magistrate and asked for the inquiry to be widened to include counts of a possible violation of privacy. This is very important insofar as this is a prior chapter to the tragedy and there is a causal link," he said. "There was a chase without which the driver would neither have taken that route nor used that speed." Another lawyer announced that the parents of M Paul, the driver, had also filed a civil suit in the case.

Legal experts said that it had been almost inevitable that the photographers would face some charges, given the wealth of accounts of paparazzi swarming around the Mercedes as the police arrived. But William Bourdon, acting for M Arsov, said: "If the victim had not been of such exceptional quality this litigation would never have been brought with such theatricality. I hope that the situation will become more calm. I think there have been some less rational factors in the last few days."

M Bourdon said that his client had initially followed a decoy Range Rover driven by Mr Fayed's regular chauffeur in a different direction from the Mercedes to deceive the pack of photographers. He had then doubled back and arrived at the scene after the police and ambulance.

A colleague of M Martinez said the seven feared they would suffer from the all the publicity and accusations that were made before it emerged that M Paul was drunk. "All the stories were wrong, but the damage has already been done," he said. "I appeared on television to defend my colleagues and our agency received death threats."

Malcolm Fish, of Red Ribbon International, an Aids-awareness charity, said yesterday: "The black ribbon has been used by Oxfam to highlight the massacres in Rwanda and in Spain to mark the murder of Miguel Angel Blanco by ETA earlier this year. People are now using it as symbol of mourning for Princess Diana and we have been inundated with inquiries

from those who want to get one. As far as we know, no one is manufacturing them on a commercial basis. We are advising people to buy lengths of black ribbon and make their own."

Agassi wore his black ribbon on Sunday in his victory over Mark Woodforde of Australia; Rusedski copied the gesture for his victory over Daniel Vacek on Monday over Daniel Vacek of the Czech Republic.

After the match, Rusedski said he hoped his victory would help to lift people's spirits in the wake of the deaths. "Princess Di is and was one of the most important, the most popular ladies in the world with the humanitarian causes she supported, with Aids, landmines."

Rusedski said it was difficult to keep his mind on tennis. His black ribbon and the

American flags flying at half mast around the rim of the National Tennis Centre grandstand court were constant reminders.

He added: "It's very sad.

I've grown up watching her, from the royal wedding, from everything throughout her whole life. It's just more shock and disbelief than anything else. I'd just like to say my prayers are for her and her family and her children."

Agassi said after his match:

"It's a tragedy, a loss for the world. If civilisation does not learn from this, it will be very telling about where we are heading."

He said he did not know the Princess personally, but that Americans could identify with her. Of the paparazzi, he said: "They have no problem taking advantage of people's weaknesses and pains."

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## Bank will charge £1 to queue

BY ANNE ASHTHORPE

THE Abbey habit is growing a little more expensive from today, with charges for some customers for over-the-counter transactions.

The bank's 400,000 Instant Plus account holders will pay £1 every time that they withdraw money, ask for a mini-statement or pay a bill. The Abbey National's aim is to encourage them to use cash machines, or the phone banking service.

A spokesman denied that the move was a "revenue raising exercise". He said that the Instant Plus, launched last year, was aimed at younger customers who were accustomed to technology. The account comes with a combined cash and debit card but no cheque book. It was intended that Instant Plus holders would not use branches but many were queuing to request statements or pay bills.

The spokesman added that cash machine facilities had been improved, allowing Instant Plus people to access all the services they needed, without ever entering a branch.

The Abbey's move has been seen as the first step in the banking industry towards charges on current accounts.

## Rising England soccer star dropped after driving ban

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

RIO FERDINAND, the young West Ham defender, has been dropped from the England squad for the World Cup qualifying match against Moldova at Wembley next Wednesday. Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, dropped him after Ferdinand was convicted of a drink-driving offence yesterday.

Ferdinand, 18, was named in the squad last Friday and was widely expected to make his international debut.

However, his celebrations on Saturday soon turned sour. He was stopped while driving with friends at lunchtime on

Sunday. He was narrowly over the legal alcohol limit and yesterday was fined £500 and banned from driving for a year.

West Ham informed the Football Association of the conviction. The final decision rested with Hoddle and although Ferdinand will be allowed to train with the England squad this week, he will not play or be selected as a substitute.

The FA denied that the punishment was an over-reaction to the death of Diana, the Princess of Wales. Henri Paul, the chauffeur of the car in which she died, was found to have a blood-alcohol level more than twice the British limit.

"Rio's case has nothing to do with this," an FA spokesman said. "Glenn Hoddle has certain standards and he expects them to be adhered to. Rio overstepped the mark, he made a silly mistake."

Hoddle said later that he felt it necessary to administer a short, sharp shock. However, it is understood that Ferdinand's error will not harm his future international career. Had he made his debut, after winning only two England Under-21 caps, he would have been the youngest player in

## Clare Short will visit Montserrat

Clare Short, the International Development Secretary, made a tacit apology to Montserrat,

agreeing to visit the volcano-

ravaged colony within two

months to oversee a long-term

plan for the island's develop-

ment. The announcement of

the visit by George Foulkes,

her deputy who ended his

own tour of Montserrat yes-

terday, came after Ms Short's

refusal of an invitation by the

island's Government. Page 14

Paul Gascoigne, the controver-

sial Rangers midfield player,

was still picked by England

amid claims that he had

beaten his wife, Sheryl. Tony

Adams, the Arsenal defender,

figured in Hoddle's plans after

he had admitted a drink

problem.

West Ham yesterday stood

by Ferdinand. Peter Storrie,

the club's managing director,

said: "Rio deeply regrets what

has happened."

Ferdinand, who said he

drank "alcopops" on Saturday

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## PRINCESS: THE FUNERAL

# Friends at odds with Palace on singing part for Elton John

**DIFFERENCES** of opinion over the final details for the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, have emerged between Buckingham Palace and the Spencer family, particularly over whether Elton John should be invited to sing.

Buckingham Palace will decide today whether to invite the singer to contribute on Saturday. There is growing pressure for him to do so from friends of the Princess. Only last month the Princess was seen by millions of television viewers comforting the millionaire singer at the funeral of Gianni Versace, the designer, who was a friend of both.

The debate over John's appearance has underlined the difficulty in melding an occasion that has the dignity of a traditional royal event with meeting the public's expectations.

The decision is due to be taken today at the Palace at the daily meeting of officials chaired by the Lord Chamberlain, the Earl of Airlie.

But the organisers face a dilemma. A senior royal source said last night that the funeral arrangements must meet four clear, but potentially conflicting objectives: dignity for such a formal occasion; informality to satisfy public opinion and reflect the Princess's personality; the views of both families; and the maintenance of tradition.

The involvement of Elton John was discussed by the committee for the first time yesterday. There was no outright objection to the move, but officials made clear they were anxious that it might not set the right tone. Last night they were taking further soundings from both families. It was not clear if John might be asked to sing a traditional hymn or one of his own compositions.

Earl Spencer is expected to read the lesson at Westminster Abbey.

Discussions were also continuing with Martin Neary, the Westminster Abbey organist and master of choristers, over the musical content. The choir, a mixture of children and adults, will have a central role.

A friend of the Princess pressing for the inclusion of a more modern element into the traditional format said:

Royal aides believe a song by the rock star may set wrong tone, reports Valerie Elliott

There is a debate going on. At the moment it will be a pretty formal affair. There are some people who feel it ought to be presented in a slightly different way. In other words, we want to incorporate the spirit of Diana."

The line-up expected at today's meeting will include Lord Airlie; Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's Private Secretary who is married to the Princess's elder sister, Lady Jane; Penny Russell-Smith, deputy press secretary to the Queen; Mark Bolland, assistant private secretary to the Prince of Wales; Sandy Henney, the Prince of Wales's press secretary; and Lieutenant-Colonel Malcolm Ross, the Comptroller responsible for co-ordinating the arrangements.

But soundings were still being taken last night about Elton John and over the choice of hymns and prayers for the service with members of the Royal Family at Balmoral, and with Lord Spencer, Lady Jane Fellowes, and the Princess's other sister, Lady Sarah McCorquodale.

Robin Janvrin, the deputy private secretary to the Queen, and Stephen Lampert, the Prince of Wales's private secretary, are staying at Balmoral this week and liaising with officials in London.

Lord Spencer has been to see Lord Airlie about the arrangements and was in constant touch with his office yesterday.

Another close confidant of the Princess said last night: "I hope that the organisers are listening to Lady Sarah because she really was the closest to Diana. They were always so happy together and she would know exactly what Diana would want."

Last night a spokesman for Elton John confirmed that the

singer would be attending the funeral but said they had received no formal approach from the Palace or the Spencer family about the possibility of him singing at the funeral.

A number of people had, however, contacted Elton John's office suggesting it would be a good idea if he were included.

The Princess's friends believe that the pop singer's appearance would be doubly symbolic because of his appeal to young people and his shared interest with the Princess in supporting Aids sufferers.

The singer has set up two charitable foundations in Britain and America which have raised more than £7 million. However, he may be too distressed to sing.

It is understood that Harvey Goldsmith, the impresario, was also in touch with the Palace to offer assistance in the provision of large screens to transmit the proceedings of the funeral to crowds gathering outside the Abbey.

Details of the family burial at the Church of St Mary the Virgin in Great Brington, Northamptonshire, were being closely guarded by the Spencer family yesterday.

The first invitations to the funeral service were made by telephone yesterday. Among the guests will be four former Prime Ministers: Sir Edward Heath, Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, Baroness Thatcher and John Major. However, it was unclear whether Mohamed Al Fayed, the owner of Harrods, whose son Dodi was killed in the crash, will attend. His spokesman said that he might be too distressed to go.

Lord Attleborough, the film director, who was instrumental in encouraging the Princess to head the anti-landmines crusade; Lord Deedes, former Editor of *The Daily Telegraph*, who has accompanied the Princess on anti-landmine trips overseas are also likely to be invited.

Wayne Sleep, the dancer, and celebrity friends such as Sir David Frost, the veteran television interviewer, and Clive James, the broadcaster, are also believed to be included. It is understood that the Princess's Christmas card list was used to select members of the congregation.



The Princess comforting Elton John at Gianni Versace's funeral in July

## Clinton feared funeral 'circus'

By BROWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON AND PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

PRESIDENT CLINTON decided against attending the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, because he feared that his presence would transform the event, officials in London and Washington disclosed yesterday.

Instead his wife, Hillary, will attend with Admiral William Crowe, who is about to step down as the United States Ambassador in London. The compromise was agreed by the White House after hours of meetings.

The arrangement shows how fond the Clintons were of the Princess, and adds a more personal touch than could have been achieved by sending Al Gore, the vice-president. Although Mrs Clinton, like the President, is always accompanied by tight

security, the decision will avoid the disruption caused by the "circus" that inevitably attends a full-scale presidential visit.

Mr Clinton is believed to have decided against coming after hearing from Tony Blair in a telephone call on Monday of Buckingham Palace's plans for a "people's funeral" for the Princess. His decision means that the inevitable disappointment of other leaders who are not invited will be eased.

The White House was afraid that Mr Clinton's attendance would "detract from what should be a solemn occasion", an official said yesterday. "It's a circus wherever he goes," one seasoned presidential follower remarked.

Including security and the White House press corps, Mr Clinton could expect to bring 600 to 800 people with him.

to an event such as the Princess's funeral. Protocol was the second reason behind Mr Clinton's decision to stay away. An official said: "It is a very rare event for the President to attend a funeral other than that of one of his counterparts — another head of state."

Downing Street officials were continuing to play an active part in funeral organisation, but they reacted angrily to media criticism of Mr Blair's involvement. They pointed out that the Prime Minister inevitably had a role in offering assistance for such a major national event. It was also emphasised that Palace officials had welcomed the support they were getting from Downing Street.

One government source said the Palace was anxious that everything possible was done to ensure that Saturday's event went well.

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final journeys in the full panoply of a state funeral. Accompanying the cortege will be five representatives of about hundred charities with which the Princess was associated. Each charity will have a further representative inside the abbey.

But in this "people's funeral", there could be significant differences from those previous, stiffer, occasions. It emerged yesterday that Elton John, a close friend of the Princess and a supporter of her work with Aids charities, may sing at the service. Buckingham Palace last night denied suggestions that it was being stuffy over the proposal, and insisted that they retained an open mind. A decision will be made by the Earl of Airlie, the Lord Chamberlain, today.

Among mourners at Saturday's service will be Hillary Clinton, representing the

United States. President Clinton, who considered coming because of his respect for the Princess, decided that his presence would disrupt the occasion because of the large retinue of security staff. Bernadette Chirac, wife of the French President, will represent her country, after consultations with Buckingham Palace and the Spencer family.

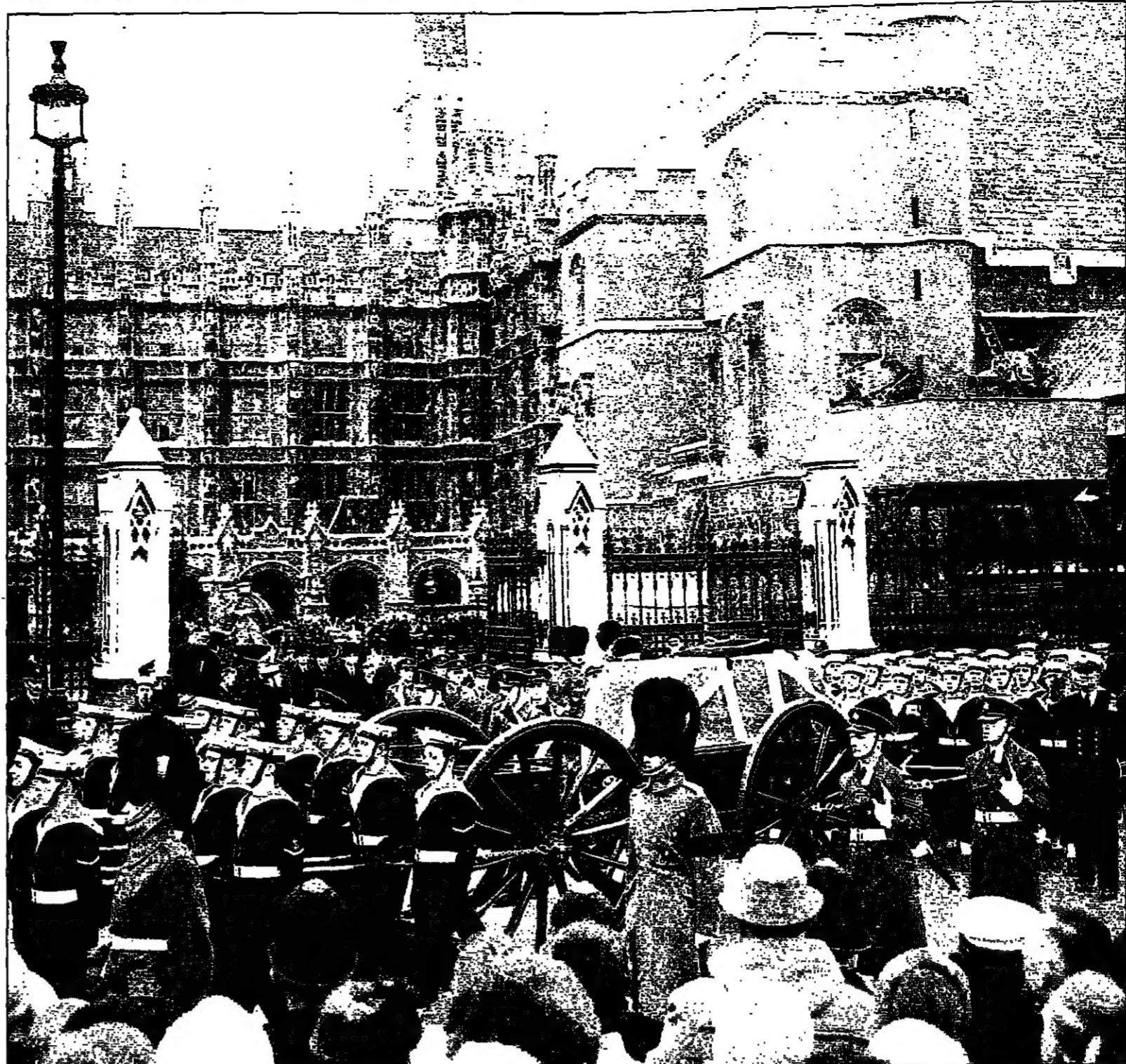
Palace officials last night could not confirm reports that the Princess's sons, Prince William and Prince Harry, had asked to be with the chief mourners, the Prince of Wales and her brother Earl Spencer, at the head of the funeral procession, as the coffin moves from the Great West Door of the abbey to its position on the catafalque in front of the high altar.

They did confirm, however, that the boys, who have remained at Balmoral

since news of their mother's death was broken to them by the Prince of Wales on Sunday morning, were being looked after by Alexandra "Tiggy" Legge-Bourke, who played a key domestic role in their upbringing after their parents separated. Miss Legge-Bourke was seen yesterday taking Prince Harry for an outing from Balmoral in a Range Rover.

Palace officials are considering publishing more details of the route to be followed by the funeral cortege when it leaves the abbey for the private interment at Althorp, Northamptonshire.

There are worries that so many people will descend on the capital to witness the event — some estimates put the expected crowd at one million — that the short processional route from St James's to the abbey will be too short to accommodate them all.



A gun carriage of the Royal Horse Artillery carrying the coffin of Sir Winston Churchill past Parliament for his state funeral in 1965

## King's Troop will carry the Princess on gun carriage

Mike Evans looks at servicemen who will accompany the coffin on procession route to Westminster Abbey



Queen Victoria had first parade-type funeral

THE King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery will carry the coffin of Diana, Princess of Wales, to Westminster Abbey on a gun carriage of the type first used for the state funeral of King Edward VII in 1910.

Traditionally, a 13-pounder gun carriage has been used for state and military funerals. Queen Victoria was the first monarch to be given a parade-type funeral, using a gun carriage. However, the present gun carriage, which saw action in the First World War, was designed for the Royal Horse Artillery in 1904, three years after Queen Victoria's death.

The funeral duties will be performed by "F" subsection of the King's Troop, commanded by Captain Grant Chanter (RHA), the Left Section Commander.

Alongside will be the trace bearers, men from the King's Troop who will carefully watch the movement of the leather-coated steel wires that connect the horses to the gun carriage.

They will have to ensure that the traces keep off the ground in any tight turns, although there are no sharp corners envisaged on the route to the Abbey. These four men will be on foot.

Behind them will be the centre driver, Gunner Barry Logan, and behind him the wheel driver, Lance Bombarier Damon Humphreys. Each will also have a "hand horse", a riderless member of the gun team. These will be the only mounted members of the King's Troop, all riding black horses.

Taking up the rear, on foot, behind the gun carriage and the limber, a box on wheels which carries ammunition in war but spare harnesses and other equipment on ceremonial duty, will be the "breaker" responsible for controlling the manual brake.

All the members of "F" subsection of the King's

Troop will be wearing the full dress of the Royal Horse Artillery.

The coffin bearing the body of the Princess will sit on an oak board suspended a few inches above the 13lb gun barrel. It will lie along the length of the barrel.

The weight of the gun and limber combined is about 1½ tonnes but with the coffin, the oak board and brackets the total weight will be about two tonnes.

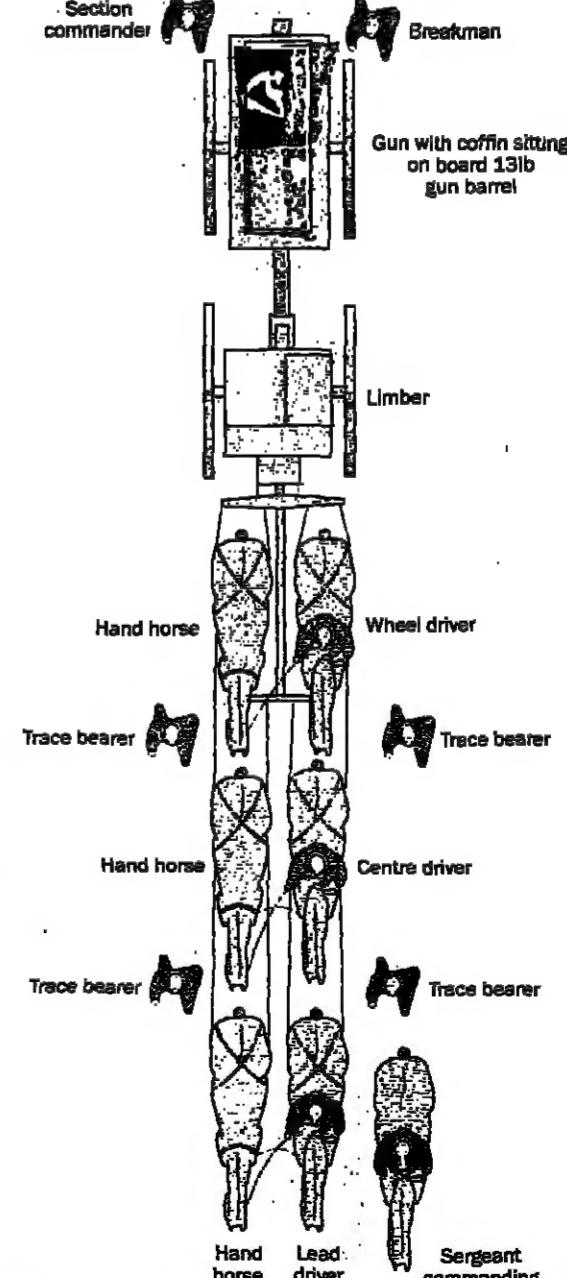
The bearer party for the funeral, which will be responsible for removing the coffin from the gun carriage and taking into the Abbey, will be supplied from the Brigade of Guards.

The gun carriage is kept at St John's Wood Barracks. "F" subsection of King's Troop will be involved in rehearsals for the Princess's funeral throughout this week.

Gun carriages of the Royal Horse Artillery have been used on six previous occasions this century: for King Edward VII in 1910, for King George V in 1936, for King George VI in 1952, for Sir Winston Churchill in 1965, for the Duke of Windsor in 1972, and for Lord Mountbatten in 1979.

The gun was designed for battle and when it was taken to war it represented a significant technological advance, capable of more rapid fire than previous models. It won battle honours in the First World War at Noyon in France when L (Nery) Battery of the Royal Horse Artillery was involved in the retreat from Mons. The men's bravery was rewarded with a number of Victoria Crosses.

### THE KING'S TROOP ROYAL HORSE ARTILLERY: FUNERAL CONFIGURATION



## Palace calls minute's silence

## PRINCESS: THE CEREMONY

# Abbey prepares to make history

Alan Hamilton on arrangements for the staging of Saturday's funeral

THE mother church of the nation resembled a film set yesterday as it prepared to host the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Westminster Abbey closed its doors to the late summer throng of tourists yesterday morning, and will not reopen until Tuesday. Prominent notices posted at all doors told of the reason, and the milling hordes of overseas visitors seemed to understand. But they hung about the railings anyway, just in case.

Inside the soaring Gothic cavern, which with its earlier buildings has looked down on nearly a millennium of coronations, marriages and funerals, the day was given over to

technicians. Television riggers hoisted great gantries of lighting up to the triforium, while others began the building of scaffolding to accommodate the army of cameramen, photographers and journalists who will record the last appearance of a woman who gave so many of them a living.

Other electricians were at work wiring up the public address system which will relay the service to loudspeakers positioned along the entire processional route from St James's Palace, where the Princess's coffin currently lies in the privacy of the Chapel Royal, to the abbey.

Hundreds of chairs were stacked yesterday in the aisles

of the abbey to keep the nave clear for the workforce. By Saturday they will be back in place to accommodate the congregation of 2,000 mourners at the funeral.

There has been no event quite like it at the abbey since the state funeral of Earl Mountbatten of Burma in 1979. Saturday's event will attract far more attention, but the abbey is a well-oiled machine quite used to coping with the grandeur of state.

It even has its own catafalque, the stand on which the Princess's coffin will lie before the high altar. It will be wheeled from storage later this week and placed in position under the lantern.

Closure of the abbey has meant that its regular daily services have had to be moved, either to the side chapel of St Faith's, or to St Margaret's, Westminster, the parish church of Parliament immediately next door. Abbey officials hope to restore services to their usual place on Sunday.

Serious preparation goes on out of sight mostly in the offices of Chapter House in Dean's Yard behind the abbey. Yesterday staff were recalling the boys of the Westminster Choir School from their summer holiday, but as the order of service has not yet been finalised they will not be called to rehearsals until later this week. Other staff in the offices are in constant liaison with Buckingham Palace over precise arrangements, and the police over security details.

The burden of the service and its preparation falls on the Very Rev Dr Wesley Carr, Dean of Westminster, who took up his post in February after serving as Dean of Bristol. As the custodian of a Royal Peculiar — a church under the direct authority of the Queen — Dr Carr has no bishop to turn to, or to answer to. He is on his own, although Dr George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, will assist at

the service. "This is the biggest thing I have ever done," Dr Carr said yesterday. "But it is a rare opportunity for the abbey to bring together pageantry, royal history and the common touch."

Dr Carr has spent many hours in study, and in consultation with Buckingham Palace and the Spencer family, in an effort to strike the right note. "It is difficult to be sensitive to the whole range of emotion and expectation. Obviously this is a unique occasion, but every funeral is unique, and the pastor must try to express that uniqueness at every funeral he conducts."

"I have to try to think through all the components of the service. I have to consider what people want, but I must also keep the momentum of the service going. One difficulty has been that the entire world wants to have a say in the order of service; we have had so many letters and telephone calls here suggesting that this hymn or that prayer should be included. In the end, it is my decision, in consultation with the families."

Dr Carr added: "We should not forget also that this is a young death. There will be many young people, in the

congregation and outside, who will feel doubly depressed at the death of the Princess. The feeling and the sentiment of the liturgy must capture that."

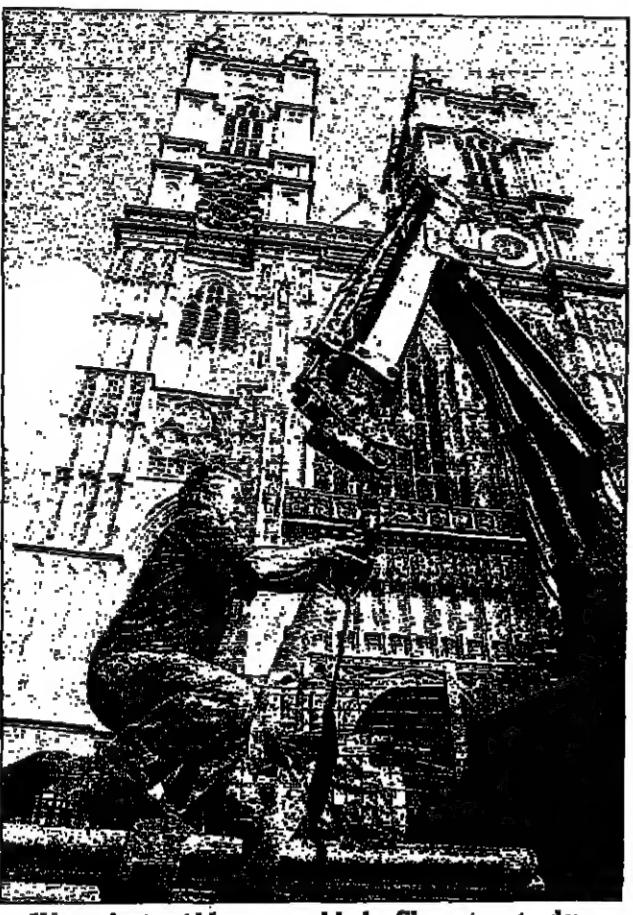
Dr Carr, the archbishop, the cathedral sub-organist Martin Baker, and the organist and choirmaster Martin Neary, will be the key figures at a full rehearsal on Friday. There will, however, be one

disruption. Paul Holloway was due to marry Mari Howells in the abbey's Chapel of St Mary Undercroft on Saturday; that ceremony will now happen at a later date. In a statement issued by the abbey yesterday, the couple said: "The postponement is a very small sacrifice in light of the tragic events of last weekend. Our thoughts are with the families."

## LANDMINE SURVIVORS INVITED

Two landmine victims who organised the Princess's recent trip to Bosnia will attend her funeral. Ken Rutherford and Jerry White, founders of the Landmine Survivors Network, said they were deeply honoured to be asked.

They will be joined by Chris Moon, another landmine victim, who raised money for charity by running across the Sahara. They impressed the Princess with their determination to overcome their disabilities and help others.



Westminster Abbey resembled a film set yesterday, as technicians erected scaffolding and lighting

## Churches open doors to grieving public

**The tragedy has turned many towards religion**  
**reports Mark Henderson**

CHURCHES across Britain will open on Saturday morning to offer mourners a place of quiet contemplation during the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Thousands are also expected at memorial services being held on Friday evening and through the weekend. Ministers of all faiths report a wave of churchgoing as the public seeks to come to terms with her death.

Carlisle Cathedral will hold a service at 11am on Saturday to coincide with the funeral, followed by the national minute's silence at 11.45. The Rev Alan Davis, the Archdeacon of West Cumberland, said the service would give people the chance to reflect on the tragedy in a religious setting. "We think that many will feel church the most appropriate place to be," he said.

St Albans Abbey will hold a short service of prayer and organ music at 11am on Saturday. "It will be a simple service of remembrance and silent prayer," a spokesman for the diocese said.

All 165 churches in the diocese of Birmingham will

practising Christians were turning to the Church. A spokesman said: "It is a way of coming to terms with such a tragedy, such a senseless and premature death."

The largest services outside London will be at York Minster and Durham Cathedral on Sunday afternoon.

Roman Catholic churches and cathedrals will also be open on Saturday, and many will hold Requiem Masses. Cardinal Basil Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, will preside at a Requiem at Westminster Cathedral on Friday evening.

Tom Horwood, of the Catholic Media Office, said: "There is anecdotal evidence from the priests that there are a lot more people in church this week, and I think that's because people are reflecting on their lives through Diana's death," he said.

The Samaritans said yesterday there had been a significant increase in calls since the Princess's death. "People just felt they had to talk to someone, it was that sense of numbness and shock," a spokesman said.

The Church of England said many people across the country who were not normally

## Let charity dance go on, says Princess's mother

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

THE mother of Diana, Princess of Wales, has intervened to stop organisers cancelling a charity dance on Saturday night at Oban.

Frances Shand Kydd, 61, lives on the island of Seil, near Oban, on the West Coast of Scotland. The ceilidh to raise funds to take disabled children to Lourdes will now take place in Cathedral Hall as a tribute to the Princess's life, and a personal message from Mrs Shand Kydd will be read at the start.

Father Sean MacAulay, priest at St Columba's Cathedral in Oban and a close friend of Mrs Shand Kydd, said that the annual event which she helped to organise was expected to raise about £2,000 for the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust.



Shand Kydd: message will be read to dancers

should go ahead. She said it would be a tribute to Diana.

Mrs Shand Kydd has recently returned from accompanying a group of handicapped children to Lourdes. Since the Princess's death, she has remained at her home, Callanish, with her nephew, Hugh Roche, who was on holiday in Fort Augustus when the news broke. The parish priest from Morar, Father Michael Hudson, is also with her. She is expected to leave for London to join her son and two daughters in the next two days.

Father MacAulay said: "She is obviously greatly distressed. She has been talking about Diana and their life together as a mother talking about her daughter. She is a very strong and courageous woman."

a church charity. About 300 people are expected to attend.

"Frances is very involved with the trust, as she is with many charities in this community. We were wondering whether to cancel the ceilidh or not, but Frances said, no, it



Dr Carr, who is in charge of arranging the service. "This is the biggest thing I have ever done," he said yesterday

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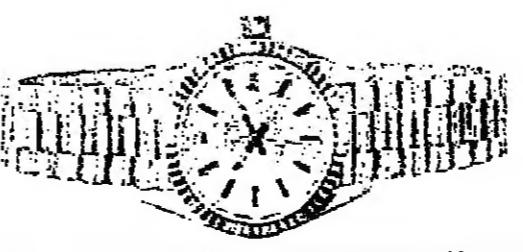
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# Inside Tony Blair's trusted circle

TWENTY-TWO hours before the election, the Labour high command was thrown into a perplexed state by the political situation. In the vast open space of the second floor of Millbank Tower, Peter Mandelson stood up from his desk and walked to a television set stationed at the top of a pillar. The Labour master of media wanted to stand closer to it, as though peering at it from a shorter range might somehow make the news clearer. A few yards away, around a bank of desks and filing cabinets, Philip Gould clutched reams of polling data in one hand, a telephone in another, and darted about.

These Labour politicos had made every preparation for a struggle to the death, unto the final hour. The anxiety of impending defeat had been traced into their psychology so that it had become almost a second nature. They had learnt time and again, that the arrival of the sensation that they might be reaching the safe haven was the ultimate signal of doom. Good news, especially close to election day, had the effect of triggering their instinctive dread. The result of this almost hormonal reaction was Tony Blair's statement the following day: Britain is not a landslide country. He was sounding more than a cautionary note to ward off complacency. His line of the day was an oddly unfiltered observation, giving vent to the collective unconscious of his circle.

Everyone in Millbank seemed to make a point of reassuring each other that all was calm. Typically, the remark was accompanied by the shaking of the head, nervous laughter and wide, surprised eyes. Somehow, they felt that their calmness might undo the arduous efforts to reform the Labour Party and to secure victory; their tranquillity might prompt them to drop their guard; their equipoise might prevent them from making the final cut and thrust. They worried that their own mood might betray them.

The team assembled in Millbank worked minute by minute to dominate the political environment. An editor at a newspaper was spoken to sharply about the character of an anti-Blair headline that had not yet seen print. A Labour figure who desperately wanted to voice his own controversial views was ad-



**The American  
journalist Sidney  
Blumenthal on  
the final days  
of the Labour  
leadership's  
pursuit of power**

monised to stay on message. The churning was constant.

But, from the Tories, there was nothing of consequence demanding a rapid response. For all the Labourites' plans, they now faced the one thing that they had not counted on: the implosion of the opposition. The formidable political operation that had whipped Labour at every turn had turned on itself. Major's assembly of Brutus was the obverse of Blair's circle. The last few days of the Tory campaign resembled nothing so much as the dramatic conclusion of *The Treasure of Sierra Madre*, in which the Confederates wrestle in the dust while their gold blows away. Too busy grappling with each other, the Conservatives managed to snipe at Labour only as an afterthought. The Labour campaign staffers wondered how they could create a compelling story in the absence of any meaningful partisan clash. The anticlimax was the unexpected climax.

The Millbank operation was organised along lines learnt from the campaigns of Bill Clinton. A flow chart depicting the 1992 Clinton campaign and its organisational method of responding to Republican attacks, in fact, was openly posted in the room. But the obvious application of the American model was something of a misfire in explaining the inner circle gathered around Tony Blair for the campaign.

Millbank was more than

the political side of new Labour's modernisation. It also represented a physical compression of Blair's world. The second floor was an gathering of many of the significant people in his life. Rather than coming and going through his office, phoning in or meeting him at this place or that, they were all concentrated at one point.

Blair's inner group is neither a collection of functionaries nor a sect, but closer to a family. The titles people held in the campaign, or hold in the Government, only barely begin to indicate who is really who. Mandelson, for example, is not just a junior minister. The personal assistant, Anji Hunter, is more than an assistant; the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, more than his lofty position; and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Gordon Brown, more than a manager of the economy.

Blair's circle is a tight unit with respected demarcations of roles, but it does not operate like a standard bureaucracy.

Every member has helped to advance Blair's victory, but while the leader is paid deference, none feels inhibited from strongly arguing his or her point of view. Blair is the central figure around which everything revolves, but what flows around him is not a court. Members do not rate their status by a fluctuating market of favour. No one is lavished with attention one day and banished to outer darkness the next. Caprice never enters. The circle around Blair has been building since he was a teenager, and it has been a steady group over the two and a half years since his election as party leader.

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More than a press secretary: the intensely loyal Alastair Campbell, right, a member of the inner circle, pushing the party line to a journalist

pupil at The Temple. It was there that Blair fell in love with Lord Irvine's other pupil, Cherie Booth. When Smith died and Blair was catapulted into the leadership, the relationship was altered. The pupil had risen above his mentor. But, with Blair's rise, Irvine was allowed to become a complete moderniser.

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job he thought should be his. He is the older brother who is surpassed, but reconciled.

Brown, however, may retain some suspicion of another member of the circle, Peter Mandelson, who, as the party's media strategist and moderniser, gave early star billing to both Blair and Brown. Mandelson is an hereditary loyalist and partisan — his grandfather was the deputy prime minister Herbert Morrison — and in the leadership contest he tipped his loyalty to Blair. Brown is a Calvinist to whom nothing comes easily. He sometimes looks sideways at Mandelson's political fluidity. It is a case of the assiduous and the sinuous. Mandelson, however, is embraced by Blair for more than his devotion.

He is loved by Blair, for his wit, charm, frankness and warmth. In the Blair household, he is Uncle Peter.

Philip Gould, the political strategist and keeper of the polls, has a long history with Blair in the struggle to change the party. Like Blair, Brown and Mandelson, Gould was a

a supporter of Neil Kinnock but more modern. Gould has a fertile mind, impatience with smugness and the most direct experience with Clinton campaigns. (In Millbank, Gould shared his desk with Stan Greenberg, the President's pollster in 1992, whom he recruited.) Sent into the wilderness by Smith, who regarded the methods of contemporary campaigns as black arts, Gould was returned to the fold by Blair.

Alastair Campbell, the press secretary, is a former political editor of *The Daily Mirror* who joined Blair's outfit in 1994. He and his partner, Fiona Millar, are intense loyalists and close to the Blairs as a couple.

Jonathan Powell is an hereditary civil servant who was introduced to Blair by Mandelson. One brother was Margaret Thatcher's chief of staff; another brother produced advertising for Labour campaigns, working with Gould. Powell gave up a posting in the British Embassy in Washington to work for Blair. His job at the Embassy

required that he travel with the Clinton campaign in 1992. He brought with him a portfolio of contacts.

But Powell won his way into the circle by his utter professionalism and loyalty.

Blair's circle has been intact for far longer than Clinton's was when he was elected.

Only a few members of Clinton's entourage were intimate friends of his. For the most part, they were political operatives assembled for the campaign. Their binding experience was the Democratic Party primaries, a relentless series of tightly spaced elections, in state after state under the glare of a sensationalist media. For Labour, the binding experience has been the long campaign to reform the party. This, more than the six-week campaign that has just ended, was the equivalent of American primaries.

In Millbank, Mandelson sat next to Hunter. Gould was in an alcove behind them.

Brown was lodged in the next office. Irvine wended his way among the desks. Up a short flight of stairs, Campbell

guarded Blair's door. And near the back of the room, Powell plotted the early events of the Blair government. His brain was assigned in advance to 10 Downing Street.

The day before the election, the entourage dispersed from Millbank; late on election night they reunited amid the throng at Royal Festival Hall.

As Tory after Tory succumbed, full-throated cheers went up as though from a crowd at a Roman arena. None of Blair's circle had expected to win the largest majority since the Second World War. Surrounded now by that majority, well-wishers and those attracted by the scent of power, this circle had been through almost everything together. Other rings might form around them, but this one is impenetrable. None of them would return to Millbank, though it would remain an operational centre. The next day they moved to a place they had never been before: the Government.

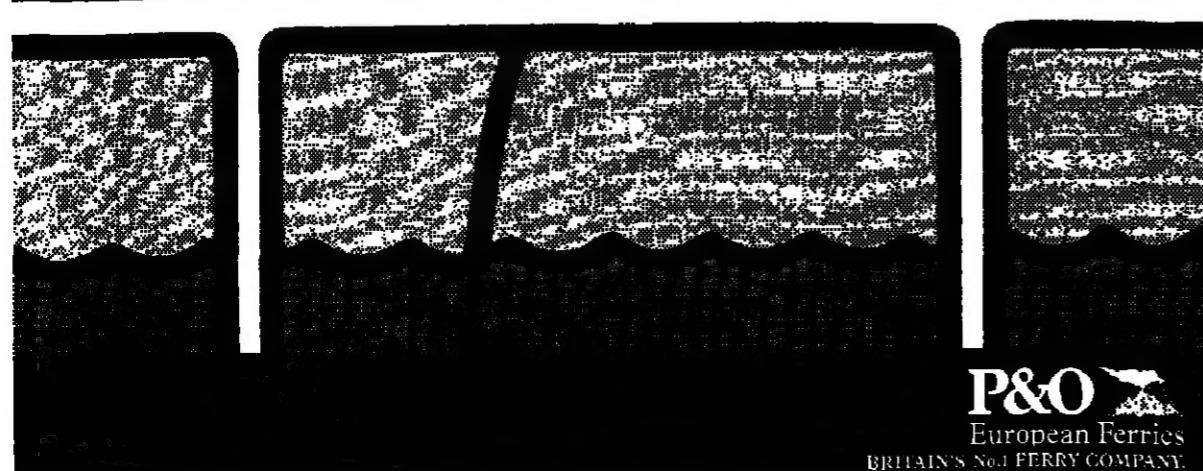
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## Labour's puritanical tendency kept fizz bottled to the end

IN 1992, just a few days after the last general election, I left Britain to work as a foreign correspondent for *The Times*, first in New York and latterly in Paris. Four weeks ago I came back as a temporary addition to *The Times'* election team. In the five intervening years I had set foot in the country only rarely and briefly.

The perspective of two elections so apart may be a peculiar one, but it has proved a remarkable vantage point from which to survey the utter transformation of the Labour Party, the seismic shift in the electoral landscape and this very changed nation.

When I departed Britain in 1992 Labour was a discredited, self-recriminatory shambles. From the moment I climbed aboard the Tony Blair battle bus, it was clear that the rawness of the Kinnock years, that musty rancour and air of defeatism that I remembered so vividly, had been quite scrubbed away. The croissants were almond-flavoured; the *literary minute-exact*; the attendants polite but firm the windows on Mr Blair's bus, rolling along a few hundred yards ahead of us, were tinted.

Throughout our weeks on the road, Mr Blair always remained a figure in the middle-distance, carefully held just beyond reach. Like a bottle of champagne, you sensed the fizz building behind the glass but could never see it or judge it until, on Thursday night, it exploded.

The Labour strategy was simple and inspired: orchestrated boredom. The buses went to 65 constituencies covering 9,000 miles, religiously lowering expectations and sowing seeds of uncertainty to ensure the largest possible crop of votes. This was negative campaigning of a new sort. No errors, no risks, no complacency. It was the singular achievement of new Labour to saturate itself so thoroughly in its own caution, that when the time came to celebrate many appeared to have forgotten how.

The press followed Mr Blair up and down the country, but we were so busy waiting for wobble, we barely heard the rumble of the juggernaut. We listened to jazz bands and stand-up comics. Mr Blair met the people, and we watched from behind metal pens, his words piped back to us by mobile microphone. We got to see all the changing colours of Mr Blair's campaign, from red to pastel to purple, but never the whites of his eyes.

For accompanying journalists the campaign was frustrating. There was not a leak, not a gaffe, not a fumble. Save for a bout of verbal jousting over devolution in Glasgow — the one time Mr Blair seemed rattled — there was no pack questioning, no impromptu doorstepping or off-the-cuffery that is food and drink to a travelling press pack, and anathema to the spin-doctor.

We learnt, with some envy, of the



**Ben Macintyre on  
the political  
transformation  
evident since  
the Kinnock era**

hilarities aboard the Conservative campaign buses, of the easy access to John Major and the gallows humour. We were trained to be more puritan.

There was no whiff of illegal substances on the Blair bus. There were not many jokes either. After a few days, it seemed, the strait-laced atmosphere was beginning to rub off on us. The slovenly assortment of hacks grew oddly tidy. Several had haircuts. I bought a tie.

Fed on a diet of pure spin and squiddies, we became lean, a little starved and faintly paranoid. In the middle of one flight Mr Blair, usually confined to the front of the plane, appeared in our midst and was immediately set upon. "I did actually want to go to the loo," he said. After he had returned to his seat, one weary photographer wondered: "Should we go and take a picture of the bathroom to see if he's wiped the hand basin, like you're supposed to?"

We searched Mr Blair's face for signs of uncertainty, of stress. I saw none, only adrenalized fighting fatigue, and tight-lipped resolution. If the spinners were controlling us, Mr Blair was controlling himself. Mr Blair's speeches were models of terse emphasis, hammering away at the same themes, day after day. He bored us to distraction but I strongly doubt he bored anyone else.

The Labour leader repeatedly referred to his re-created party as a "disciplined and efficient fighting force" and there was something of the military forced march in this experience. Humourless, impersonal, rigid and repetitive, the Labour campaign was, nonetheless, a masterpiece consistent, crisp and relentless. There was no real story, so the press had no choice but to pass on the messages, contained in simple bite-sized lumps, easy to remember, painfully hard to forget. The day after the election, I

cannot think of a single memorable Tory slogan. Mr Blair's tom-tom phrases, delivered with identical earnestness at every stop, I shall carry to the grave. "Tough on crime, tough on the causes of crime," we chanted, brainlessly, at the back of the bus.

My head spinning with spin, I took time off and wandered the country. Away from people telling me what to write, when to eat and always to "hurry up" I found a very different atmosphere from the one I had experienced in 1992.

In my five years away a new looseness had entered Britain's political joints, creating a kaleidoscope that would resolve itself into the Labour landslide but which, from a distance, seemed to dance and mutate before the eyes. I found Labour-voting Cornish fishermen sharing a bed in the Referendum Party with the littles of Little Englanders in plus-fours; old-style shire Tories speaking the language of new Labour natives; people of every political shade anxious about our future in Europe.

The pundits were right, in a way, for it was those famous "shy Tories" who won it. They were shy not of telling us that they secretly planned to vote Conservative, but of declaring how viscerally they loathed the Tory party and wanted to see it humiliated and dead.

We still stage better and madder elections than anyone else. I watched Kenneth Clarke sipping whisky in a Welsh distillery while being lectured by a seven-foot plastic monk. I smoked cigarettes with the Speaker of the House of Commons and saw John Prescott trying to cuddle a bullock. John Redwood wore a white coat and a funny look; several people wore chicken suits; everyone wore a silly hat. I had forgotten quite how pronounced is our national talent for eccentricity, how much we love to lower our dignity. Perhaps that was what had made the Blair campaign seem so novel, almost foreign: the avid protection of dignity, the studious avoidance of eccentricity.

As the Royal Festival Hall in London suddenly transformed itself into a vast discotheque and the rugby player Brian Moore began dancing alongside Trevor Nunn to the tune of *Things Can Only Get Better*, a group of American political consultants could be found in avid discussion. If Mr Blair had taken his cue from the two Clinton campaigns, they said, after this week America would be looking back across the Atlantic.

Eighteen years, five more years: six weeks of campaigning; 72 hours to save the Union; 24 hours left — the countdown had been agonisingly slow but when the change finally came it arrived, somehow, unexpectedly. A group of Labour campaign workers, still wearing dazed and shocked expressions, stood by the Thames and stared into the dawn.

## PRINCESS: THE TRIBUTES

# Florists struggle to meet demand

**Unprecedented sales causing price increases, report Jennifer Davey and Eric Reguly**

FLORISTS have brought in extra staff to cope with the demand for floral tributes following the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Telephone requests and personal callers have left many florists in Kensington and around Buckingham Palace unable to cope with the demand.

The owners of Watkins & Watkins, near St James's Palace and Buckingham Palace, received a call from Interflora at 6.30am Sunday asking them to open early. Keith Walker, the manager, said: "We are doing four to five times in excess of Mother's Day business, which is the busiest day of the year. It has been absolutely unbelievable."

The florist, through Interflora, has received orders from mourners in dozens of countries. It has employed four cars to deliver the flowers to the palaces whose entrances have become a sea of bouquets.

White roses and lilies, the traditional symbols of grief, are especially requested. "It will be difficult for us to cope with demand by the end of the week," said Nadia Florence, spokeswoman for the Flowers and Plants Association, which represents flower wholesalers.

Sally's of Kensington said it was selling three times as many bouquets as usual, with more than 100 being purchased each day. Staff will work through the night on Thursday and Friday to meet orders from as far away as the United Arab Emirates. A spokeswoman said: "People are buying and sending flowers constantly. We have never seen anything like this before. We've even had to draft in friends and relatives to help."

Interflora has received many calls asking for white flowers, which is said to have been Diana's favourite colour in bouquets. Other customers have been sending red flowers, particularly roses, as a show of love for the Princess. On Sunday orders continued until after midnight.

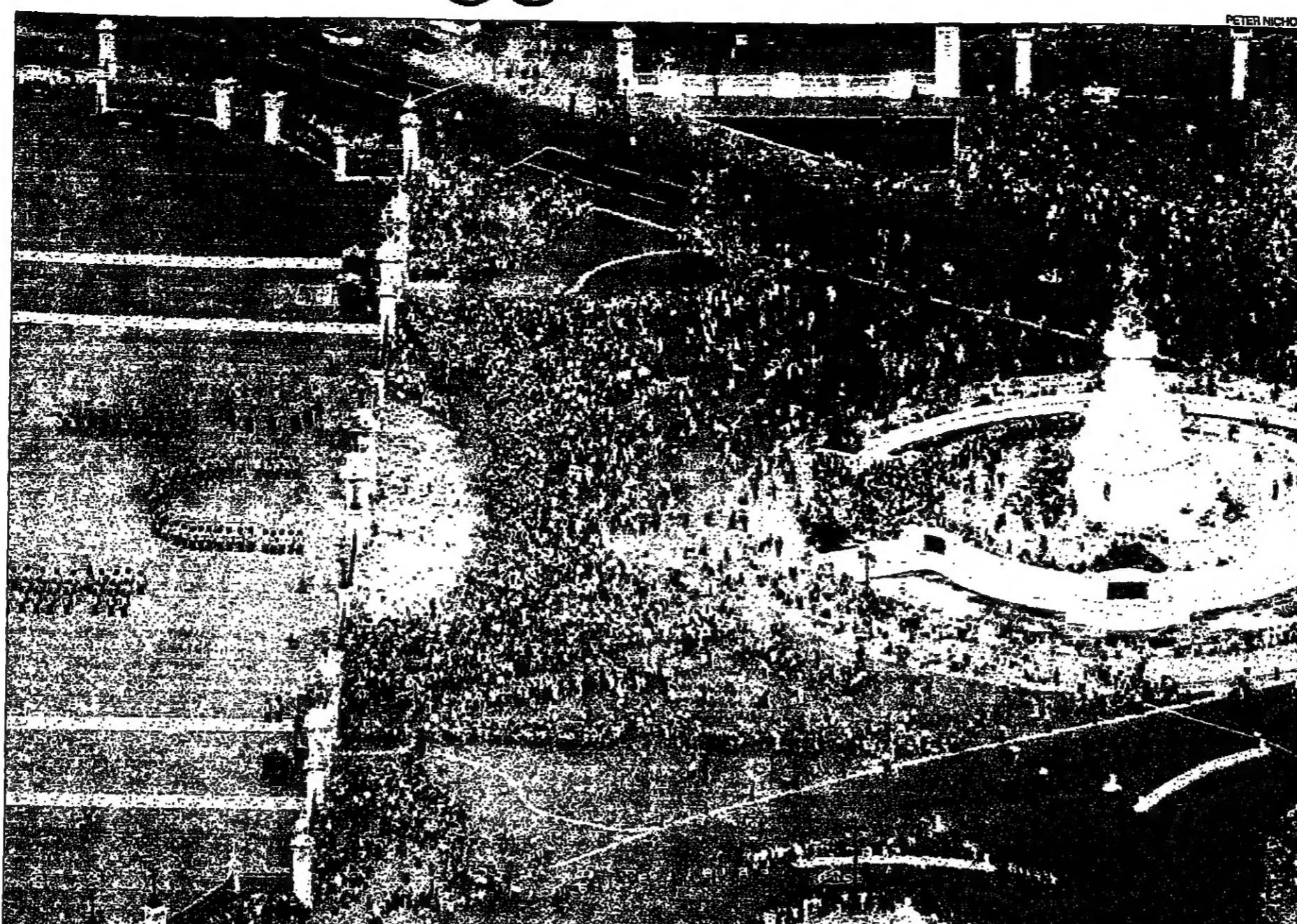
An Interflora spokeswoman said she felt "pleased" that Interflora can aid the public in being able to show their grief".

Countrywide Flowers said the week had been an "emotional experience". A spokeswoman said: "One lady broke down in tears. She was so overcome on the telephone. She said that she just wanted something beautiful for a beautiful lady."

To some customers, money was no object as they ordered large wreaths and bouquets costing as much as £100. Many flowers have been bought on behalf of children who wanted to pay tribute to a beautiful lady."

The spokeswoman for Countrywide Flowers said:

"People just want something pretty and sweet-smelling. Many of the little girls choose



Two days after the Princess's death, the crowds were still enormous outside Buckingham Palace, above, and the gates of Kensington Palace were clogged with flowers

small bunches of pink flowers."

Another florist said: "White lilies and chrysanthemums have been popular but many people have chosen quite unusual flowers. One man chose an orchid as his own personal and private tribute to Diana."

"Usually this is our quietest time of year as everyone goes on holiday. Some florists in the area even close during the summer months, so this has taken us by surprise."

There have been reports of busloads of mourners en route to London buying the entire contents of flower shops.

The Flowers and Plants Association estimates that demand this week could easily outrun Mother's Day, when orders typically jump by £50 million.

The availability of flowers will depend on the "flying Dutchmen", the owners of refrigerated lorries that shuttle between the enormous flower depots in The Netherlands and London's wholesale flower market at New Covent Garden. They will be working round the clock until the weekend.

Plane loads of flowers are also arriving from around the world: orchids from Thailand, protea from South Africa, carnations from Kenya and sunflowers from Israel.

Wholesale prices have climbed by up to 25 per cent since Sunday. Watkins & Watkins, for one, has raised its retail prices by as much as

10 per cent, though pensioners are receiving discounts. "Some of the older types are coming into the shop in tears. You can't rip them off," Mr Walker said.

Meanwhile, the Princess memorabilia industry was preparing to design new items for collectors. Steven Jackson of the Commemorative Collectors' Society said: "I know of two small companies designing ceramic items which will be ready in six to eight weeks."

"They do not want their identities revealed for fear of causing offence because they are very aware that people might think that they are cashing in on the Princess."

He said that one company was proposing to produce a vase and a two-handled loving cup decorated with portraits of the Princess. Another was designing a plate and mug, also featuring her portrait.

Mr Jackson added: "There will be a demand for these, especially among serious collectors of Diana memorabilia. It tends to be the smaller companies that do this sort of thing."

A spokeswoman for Wedgwood China said it was too soon to be thinking about memorabilia for the Princess. She said: "If we have requests from the public then we may consider an appropriate piece but this would take some months to produce. It would have to be approved by the Lord Chamberlain's Office first."

## Churches tell couples there is no need to cancel weddings

**A peer's daughter has postponed her marriage at Westminster for a week, reports Mark Henderson**

Ponterwyd, Dyfed, is the former Liberal MP for Cardigan.

The Church of England recommends that pews of bibles to celebrate weddings be muffled where possible as a mark of respect. A spokesman said: "We see no reason why people should call off weddings, though ministers will understand completely if couples don't want to go through with it on Saturday. The choice will always be left to the couple."

The Roman Catholic Church said that couples should not feel they should call off weddings, and register offices will stay open. Most churches and register offices will waive cancellation fees if couples feel too distressed at the Princess's death to go ahead. An insurance

company said yesterday that it would pay out on claims by couples who wanted to postpone because of the funeral.

Ecclesiastical, which sells about 300 wedding insurance policies a year, said it accepted that the funeral was an "unforeseeable event".

Couples who plan to marry on Saturday said they thought the Princess would not have approved of cancellations on her account.

Tracey Foster, 20, and Brett Preston, 27, from Carlisle,

booked their Gretna Green wedding months ago. Miss Foster said: "I keep telling myself it's what Diana would have wanted. She was all for marriage, even though her own didn't work out, and she wouldn't have wanted it to be cancelled for her."

Nearly half the 20 couples

planning to marry at the register office in Gretna Green on Saturday have already been in touch with the registrar to say they want to press on with the wedding. Weddings at the register office closest to the funeral, at Westminster, are to go ahead as planned.

One vicar, the Rev Tony Upton, who will marry a couple at St Chad's Church in Bishop's Tachbrook, Warwickshire, said a weekday funeral would have been more appropriate.

The choice of Saturday will dismay hundreds of brides and their families looking forward to a special joy and celebration.

People getting married will share the grief of the rest of the country, when they should be having a joyous day among their friends.

A lot of people who have been invited to weddings are bound to have guilty feelings as they toast the bride and groom with a glass of champagne while at the same time remembering Diana.

TEN additional books of condolence for Diana, Princess of Wales, were opened at St James's Palace yesterday as thousands more people queued for up to eight hours to record their tributes.

By mid-afternoon, the mourners stood three deep and snaked three-quarters of a mile up and down the Mall. Police estimated that shortly after 2pm there were 4,000 people in line.

Some people queued through the night: workers went without sleep; the sick and disabled ignored their discomfort as young and old arrived determined to pay their respects. Even those who had come in the middle of the night, including many straight from clubs, faced waits of two hours.

To ease the delays, it was decided to limit the length of time allowed inside the Long Corridor, where the books are kept, to about 30 seconds per person. Nobody seemed to mind the wait and friendships were struck in the queue.

The atmosphere kept us

going through the night," said Debbie Rees, 27, from Dagenham, East London, who arrived with her husband, Stuart, and daughter, Kirsty, 3, at 1.15am. "There was a great sense of togetherness in the queue. Kirsty is normally a handful, but she knew it was a sad occasion and was very quiet." The family were finally able to leave their messages at 7.30am when her husband said he would go on to work.

Pauline Bonofiel, 28, a saleswoman from Tel Aviv, Israel, paid £600 for an air ticket so she could add her name. "I have adored Diana since I was 15," she said. "I did not care how much it cost, I needed to be here to share the atmosphere and say goodbye."

George Jeffrey, 65, a diabetic from West Dulwich, south-east London, brought supplies of insulin, not knowing how long he would have to wait. "I will be fine, no bother," he said. "I just admired her so much that I will queue for as long as it takes." Three hours later he and his wife, Edith, 65, emerged red-eyed. "I am glad we came, it was worth every minute," Mrs Jeffrey said. "There was a real presence in there."

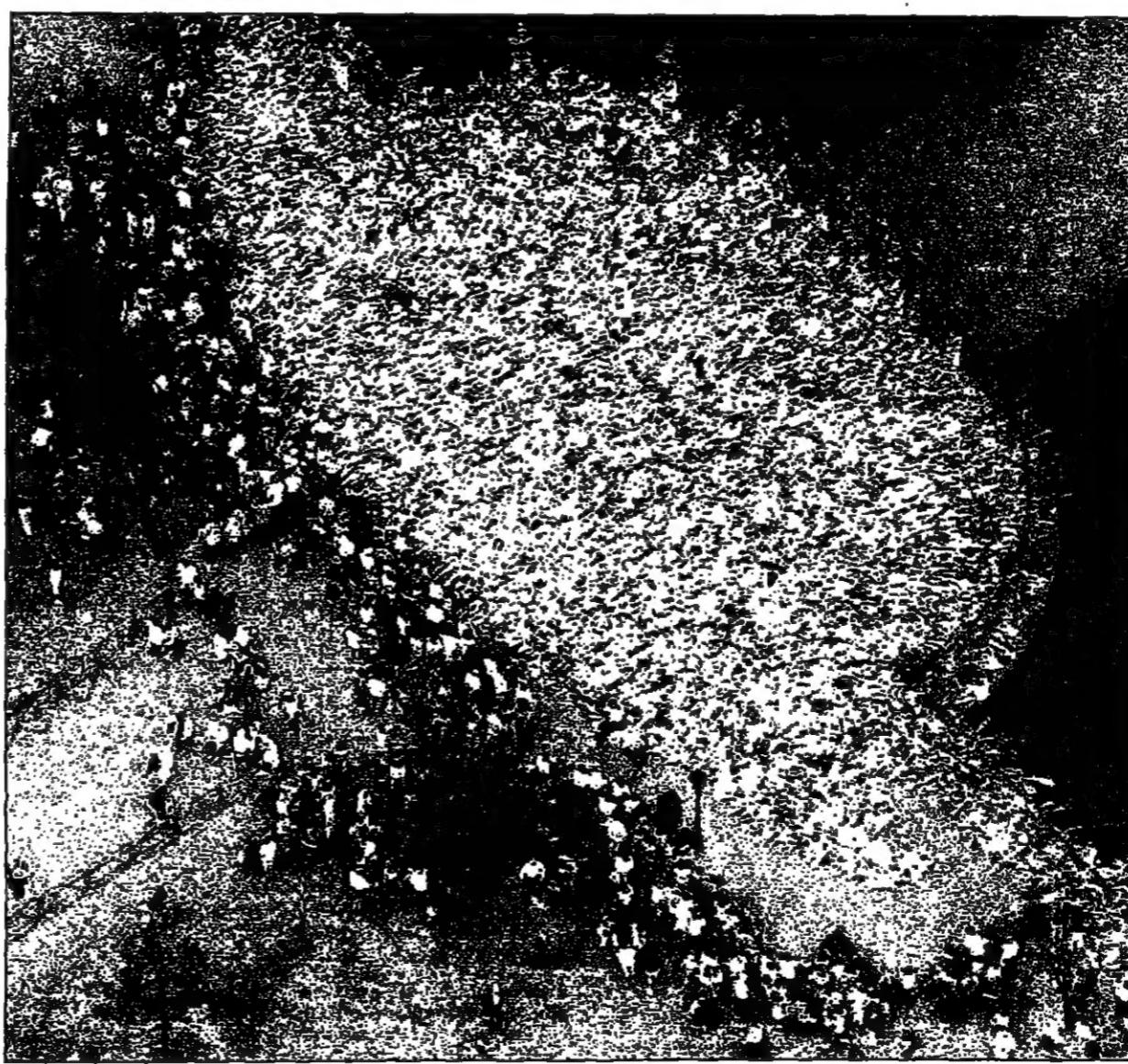
A postman arrived in the early hours fresh from the nightshift. Some, in wheelchairs, ignored offers to jump the queue, preferring to wait with the rest.

Jean and Peter Haynes, both 68, walked three miles from their home in Mickleover, Derbyshire, at 2.30am to catch a bus to London, where they waited for two hours to leave their condolences. Mr Haynes said: "I think this is probably one of the best ways ordinary people can pay their respects."

Naomi Pope, 49, from St Louis, Missouri, sacrificed half a day of her holiday. "I had to be here. I want to sign for myself and my family."

There were also huge crowds at Buckingham Palace, Kensington Palace and Harrods. Great Brington, Northamptonshire, the village where the Princess will be buried on Saturday, was again swamped with well-wishers. Thousands of people queued for up to an hour to add their names and messages of sympathy to four books of remembrance in the 13th-century church.

As the queue to St James's Palace reached its peak, extra crush barriers were installed. Somasankanthamoor Ravirasa, 32, a university researcher from Stratford, East London, found himself last in line. Warned that he faced a wait of more than eight hours, he said: "I don't care. I want to sign for Diana. I will come on Saturday also."



## Thousands queue for hours to record personal tributes

**Adrian Lee joins the young and the old, the sick and disabled, clubbers and families at St James's Palace**

going through the night," said Debbie Rees, 27, from Dagenham, East London, who arrived with her husband, Stuart, and daughter, Kirsty, 3, at 1.15am. "There was a great sense of togetherness in the queue. Kirsty is normally a handful, but she knew it was a sad occasion and was very quiet." The family were finally able to leave their messages at 7.30am when her husband said he would go on to work.

Pauline Bonofiel, 28, a saleswoman from Tel Aviv, Israel, paid £600 for an air ticket so she could add her name. "I have adored Diana since I was 15," she said. "I did not care how much it cost, I needed to be here to share the atmosphere and say goodbye."

George Jeffrey, 65, a diabetic from West Dulwich, south-east London, brought supplies of insulin, not knowing how long he would have to wait. "I will be fine, no bother," he said. "I just admired her so much that I will queue for as long as it takes." Three hours later he and his wife, Edith, 65, emerged red-eyed. "I am glad we came, it was worth every minute," Mrs Jeffrey said. "There was a real presence in there."

A postman arrived in the early hours fresh from the nightshift. Some, in wheelchairs, ignored offers to jump the queue, preferring to wait with the rest.

Jean and Peter Haynes, both 68, walked three miles from their home in Mickleover, Derbyshire, at 2.30am to catch a bus to London, where they waited for two hours to leave their condolences. Mr Haynes said: "I think this is probably one of the best ways ordinary people can pay their respects."

Naomi Pope, 49, from St Louis, Missouri, sacrificed half a day of her holiday. "I had to be here. I want to sign for myself and my family."

There were also huge crowds at Buckingham Palace, Kensington Palace and Harrods. Great Brington, Northamptonshire, the village where the Princess will be buried on Saturday, was again swamped with well-wishers. Thousands of people queued for up to an hour to add their names and messages of sympathy to four books of remembrance in the 13th-century church.

As the queue to St James's Palace reached its peak, extra crush barriers were installed. Somasankanthamoor Ravirasa, 32, a university researcher from Stratford, East London, found himself last in line. Warned that he faced a wait of more than eight hours, he said: "I don't care. I want to sign for Diana. I will come on Saturday also."

# Labour plans a clear-out of the old guard in town halls

By DOMINIC KENNEDY

LABOUR is planning to replace its old guard of councillors with younger, Blairite professionals after a series of town hall scandals.

The Labour field of Doncaster, which yesterday admitted that councillors had bullied officials and each other into breaking the law, is to be a pilot for the imposition of a list of new-style candidates. A frank assessment of the poor quality of Labour councillors now running most of local government has been produced by an official at the party's Walworth Road headquarters.

*The Times* has seen the internal document, written by the party's assistant local government officer, Howard Knight, which says that they include a disproportionately large number of older white men, often retired. "Labour has nearly 11,000 councillors; but 50 per cent are over 55 (more than 30 per cent are retired), and women and ethnic minorities are under-represented. Our representatives don't match the profile of party members, let alone the profile of communities we seek to represent. In some areas, we still do not field a full slate of candidates; in others, our procedures do not attract or prepare potential candidates nor provide a real choice of candidates for selection."

That last reference is to the large areas of Britain where Labour has had power for a generation, and where cliques can dominate decision-making and patronage.

The NEC [National Executive Committee] Action Advice Note," dated August 1997, is addressed to all Labour council leaders in Britain and some party officials. "In most areas,

there is no training for candidates to help them in the election they are fighting — objectives, manifesto implications, delivering national and local pledges, dealing with (potential) constituents' complaints, campaigning, handling the media etc," writes Mr Knight.

"Some initiatives will be piloted this autumn in a few areas which have elections in 1998; these include new nomination forms being used in London this year. It seeks to ensure the provision of key information about the nominee, identify skills and experience, and provide the opportunity to identify potential problems. It also has a requirement for the nominee to agree to the local authority

## Blair ends trade unions' exile

Tony Blair opened the doors of 10 Downing Street to the unions yesterday for a 90-minute meeting with a delegation led by John Monks, the TUC general secretary. The ending of the political exile was key, but of importance to union leaders who felt they were shunned during the election campaign. The Prime Minister is to speak at the TUC conference in Blackpool next week. Photograph, page 24

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Michael Meacher, the Environment Minister, announced yesterday that under a deal being discussed with other nations along the North Sea, toxic chemicals would be reduced to background levels by 2020. Synthetic chemicals that have been linked with sexual changes in man and wildlife, known as endocrine disruptors, "should be brought down to close to zero".

Mr Meacher, speaking as officials from scores of European nations gathered in Brussels for an anti-pollution conference, also announced that Britain would cut the number of oil and gas rigs and

installations that are dumped at sea. They should be disposed of on land wherever safe and practicable, he said. But in some cases, such as giant concrete rigs in deep water or those found to be damaged, sea disposal must remain an option.

Environmental groups and industry were split on the significance of the announcements, made at the opening of the Oslo Paris Commission. Lord Melchett, executive director of Greenpeace UK, said: "This is the most dramatic change in marine pollution policy for at least a decade and a half."

Green groups claimed that tightening nuclear waste discharge rules and ending the opt-out on dumping at sea meant that the nuclear industry was being "squeezed on all sides". A recent plan to dispose of waste deep underground was effectively blocked by John Gummer, the former Environment Secretary, who refused planning permission for an underground laboratory under Sellafield.

But a spokesman for BNFL, which operates Sellafield and is authorised to discharge nuclear wastes to sea, said it believed the announcements would not affect its business.

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# Britain gives up right to dump nuclear waste at sea

By NICK NUTTALL  
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is to give up its right to dump nuclear waste in the ocean. It will also support international targets to reduce the discharge of radioactive substances into the Atlantic and of poisonous wastes, such as pesticides and heavy metals, into the North and Irish seas.

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By MARTIN FLETCHER  
CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

JOHN HUME, the man who has done more than anyone else to broker this month's peace talks, is expected to accept the Irish presidency if he does not have to fight an election, well-placed sources said yesterday.

Mr Hume, leader of Northern Ireland's nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party, has spent weeks considering whether to go for a job that would make him the first Irish president from the north, but would prevent him participating in the talks on the future of the Province. He is consulting colleagues and will announce his decision within days. "He would be much more inclined to look on it favourably if he is not opposed," a senior SDLP source said.

A poll in the *Irish Independent* yesterday showed Mr Hume to be by far the most popular choice to succeed Mary Robinson, who steps down next week. Of those interviewed, 31 per cent backed Mr Hume compared with only 13 per cent for the former Taoiseach Albert Reynolds. "The poll definitely indicates the futility of trying to oppose a Hume candidacy," the source said.

The opposition Fine Gael and Labour parties would be happy to accept Mr Hume as an agreed candidate. So would the ruling Fianna Fail party but the problem is that

Hume would stand if election was uncontested

Mr Reynolds has vowed to seek its nomination. Mr Hume is understood to be in contact with senior Fianna Fail officials including Bertie Ahern, the Taoiseach, and they must decide whether they can abandon their former leader.

Mr Hume, whose wife, Pat, is said to be keen for him to take the job, has agonised over his decision. He has spent 30 years seeking a peaceful resolution of the conflict. Once pilloried for talking to Gerry Adams, he has now brought Sinn Fein to the negotiating table. Accepting the presidency would mean relinquishing his pivotal role in the talks beginning on September 15. It would also give Sinn Fein a chance to win his seat in a by-election and overtake the SDLP as nationalism's big party.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Murder police in appeal to gay men

Police appealed to the homosexual community for information about the murder of 13-year-old Thomas Marshall. His body was found at Roudham Heath, Norfolk, which is a popular meeting place for homosexual men.

Men in the area might have seen the boy in a vehicle. He was found strangled on August 22, 24 hours after going missing from his home in Happisburgh. "Many people from the gay community may not have come forward as yet but we want to emphasise that any information they give us will be treated in strictest confidence," Detective Superintendent Les Parrett said.

### Four acquitted

Four Greenham Common protesters were acquitted at Reading Crown Court of causing more than £7,000 damage to the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston, Berkshire. The prosecution offered no evidence against Katrina Howse, Yolanda Krieg, Jean Hutchison and Mary Wilson, who had been accused of cutting a perimeter fence.

### Ecstasy death

Paul Bettinson, 19, a student from Looe in Cornwall, has died of a suspected drugs overdose after taking Ecstasy at a nightclub in Plymouth. A post-mortem examination is expected to be carried out today. Two women aged 20 and 21, also from Looe, have been arrested on suspicion of supplying drugs and released on bail pending further inquiries.

### Offender listed

A railway worker who indecently assaulted two teenage girls has become one of the first people ordered for inclusion on the new paedophile register. Liverpool Crown Court was told that Stanley Evans, 62, of Hoylake, Merseyside, put his arms around two 17-year-olds and touched one on her bottom and breast. He was placed on probation for two years.

### Sisters in crash

A mother was killed when a car driven by her sister was involved in a four-car crash. Mary Murty, 36, died at the scene of the accident, near Dunblane. Mrs Murty, from Dunblane, had three teenage children. Her sister, Francis Beech, 32, was seriously injured. The car is believed to have been driven the wrong way on a dual carriageway. Four other people were hurt.

### School first

The country's first newly built grant-maintained school, Blenheim High School, opened for 110 pupils in Epsom, Surrey. The £6.8 million comprehensive was paid for by the Funding Agency for Schools, set up by the Tories to finance opted-out schools. Labour, however, plans to convert them all to foundation schools, each with at least two local authority governors.

### Pigs killed

A number of pigs died when their pens were lifted more than a quarter of a mile through the air by a tornado at Sutton on Trent, Nottinghamshire. Two children were slightly injured, a bungalow's double glazing was shattered and part of its roof blown away. Michael Hewson, a farmer, said: "There are plenty of dead pigs. Some have been killed by flying huts."

### Picture this

A family who bought holiday postcards in France discovered themselves in the picture. The Glover family from Southampton had been photographed in the main street of Saint-Gilles-Croix-de-Vie in the Vendee on their last visit four years ago. "It was the most staggering coincidence," said David Glover, who was pictured with his wife and son.



Chastleton House, a family home for four centuries, in whose grounds the rules of croquet were drawn up

## Jacobean splendour reborn

By JOHN YOUNG



Rare 18th-century glassware on show at the house

to visitors that her family had lost all their money "in the war"; she was referring to the Civil War, in which her ancestors had backed the royalist cause.

The house was purchased in 1991 for £1 million by the National Heritage Memorial Fund which passed it on to the National Trust.

further £3 million endowment for its upkeep. Nearly £1 million was provided by English Heritage and other funding came from charities and from a public appeal.

When the trust took over Chastleton the roof needed urgent work and leaking gutters and downpipes had damaged exterior stonework

and caused rot in structural timbers. Woodworm and beetle were rampant and the magnificent plaster friezes and ceilings were crumbling and long hidden by generations of dirt and neglect.

But apart from essential conservation, the trust has made a point of retaining the endearingly homely, even shabby, appearance and atmosphere. The contents, however, are impressive: they include valuable tapestries, family portraits and much exquisite furniture and rare glassware. The walls of one small room are embroidered and the centrepiece of the library is the Bible which Charles I took with him to the scaffold.

The house and gardens will be open until the end of October, Wednesdays to Saturdays 1pm-5pm, and will reopen next March. Tickets must be bought in advance.

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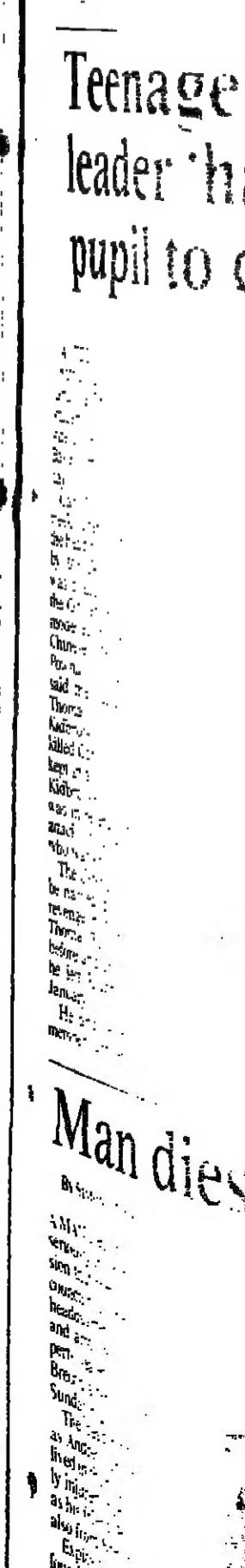
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# Boss's uneducated son promoted over Mrs Smart



Malcolm Hill: son was promoted rapidly

Woman claims sex bias after colleague with five O levels was given management job meant for graduates

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE head of the British arm of Volkswagen ignored the company's minimum education standards to promote his son, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

VW company policy states that district managers should have been educated to university degree standard, it was said. However, Malcolm Hill, managing director of Volkswagen Financial Services, appointed his son, Jason, as a district manager despite the fact that he had only five O levels.

Jason Hill had been with VW for three months as a company representative when his father promoted him to the executive post. said

Elizabeth Smart, who is claiming sex discrimination against the motor manufacturer, alleging that she was passed over for the job.

Mrs Smart, 30, had been with the company for two years when the job of Essex district manager for VW's Skoda division became available. She had begun maternity leave from VW on January 31 this year, after working alongside Mr Hill, 27, as a field support representative, both earning about £16,000. She told the tribunal at Ashford, Kent, that while on maternity leave she had asked the company to inform her of any senior jobs that became available. Less than a month later Mr Hill was appointed to the management post, earning £37,500 a year

plus a higher-grade company car. Mrs Smart recently resigned from the company and is now unemployed.

Jason Hill had achieved five O-level passes. He was not educated to my ability and had less experience in the field than I have," said Mrs Smart, of Orpington, Kent.

Mrs Smart said that she recorded telephone conversations she had with company executives during her maternity leave. During one conversation with Graham Lesley, her VW line manager, she said she was told: "Malcolm runs the company. If you start making waves it could cause problems for me. And I have a mortgage to pay."

Mr Lesley had agreed with her

that Jason Hill was not as qualified as she was and felt that he should not have been given the position.

Mrs Smart also has five O levels, but she also has a higher national diploma in hotel management from Westminster College in London. Mrs Smart said she had also achieved Financial Planning Certificate One and was also midway through studies for a diploma in financial studies.

Mrs Smart said that during a conversation with another VW executive she was told she was not being given the job because of the baby she was carrying. She said: "This could have caused me to reject my unborn child."

Mrs Smart said numerous other

people should have been given the opportunity to compete for the position but were also passed over.

She told the tribunal: "Other members of staff employed by Volkswagen Financial Services, one of whom who was involved in training Jason Hill, were not shortlisted for the position of district manager."

Mrs Smart said that during her employment she had been for interviews for other district manager posts. But she was not even sent an application form for the job awarded to Jason Hill. "I do not feel that senior employees should be able to break the rules like they have on this occasion," Mrs Smart said.

The hearing continues today.



Elizabeth Smart: asked to be told of senior jobs

SAN FRANCIS

# Drug men 'lured into gun ambush'

Stewart Tendler reports on court claims of threats and double-cross



The victims: from left, Tate, Tucker and Rolfe. They were found shot dead in the Range Rover

THREE drug dealers who were found shot dead in a country lane had been lured into an ambush with the promise of a large cocaine consignment, a jury was told yesterday.

They died because they had threatened to kill another drug dealer, who decided to act first before the threat could be carried out, it was claimed at the Old Bailey. Patrick Tate and two associates, Anthony Tucker and Craig Rolfe, were sitting in their parked Range Rover in the lane at Retendon, in Essex, when eight shots were pumped into them with "cold, ruthless efficiency," the jury was told.

Andrew Munday, QC, for the prosecution, said that Tate and his men were not angels, but "notwithstanding their past, they had the right to live".

He added: "Dealing in drugs is not an honourable trade. It is often the province of double-cross, the sting, double-dealing."

"There is a great deal of distrust. Distrust breeds threats from which there are often acts of violence, and

sometimes the direst acts of violence killing someone."

The murder is denied by Michael Steele, 54, from Great Bentley, Essex, and Jack Whomes, 35, from Brockford, Suffolk, who was said to be his right-hand man.

Mr Steele, Mr Whomes and another man, Peter Corry, 44, from Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, also pleaded not guilty to importing cannabis resin between August and December 1995. Mr Steele further pleaded not guilty to the possession of a pump-action shotgun.

Opening the prosecution case, Mr Munday told the

Whomes and Mr Corry were said to have smuggled drugs from Holland to Britain, using fast open boats to bring their cargo to the East Coast.

In November 1995, the quality of one consignment was so poor that there were complaints and some had to be dumped. Refunds were provided, but Mr Steele said that there were disagreements between him and Tate, and there were threats against him from the dealer.

Tate was said to have threatened to make Mr Steele beg on his knees and then kill him. Mr Steele, said Mr Munday, decided to eliminate the threat once and for all.

Tate and his friends were lured to the country lane on a cold, snowy night, with the promise of a cocaine consignment. Mr Steele had claimed that he was bringing the consignment into Essex for others. Tate and his group felt that they could have the chance intercept the cargo, killing the courier if necessary.

In fact, said Mr Munday, there never was a cocaine consignment, but Tate "bit upon the hook hidden within

the bait". Excited by the prospect of the drugs, he and his friends drove to the lane.

When their car was found the next day, Tucker was sitting in the front with a mobile phone in his hand. He was shot three times. So was Tate. Rolfe had been shot twice. Mr Munday said it

looked as though someone had started to get out of the rear of the car, and been handed a pump-action or self-loading shotgun by a second person and opened fire. Alternatively, the holder of the gun came up and opened fire.

After the killings, Mr Steele was alleged to have been heard to boast that he had "sorted them out" and that they would not be threatening him again.

Mr Munday told the jury they might find it chilling that the two killers later allegedly laughed at the fact that, at one point during the ambush, one of the guns in the shootings had fallen apart when Mr Steele tried to use it.

Mr Steele, Mr Whomes and Mr Corry were arrested in May 1996 on drug charges, with a fourth man, Darren Nicholls. The court was told that he would be giving evidence in the case.

The trial continues.



The accused: Michael Steele, left, and Jack Whomes deny murder. Peter Corry, right, denies drug smuggling

## Teenage gang leader 'hacked pupil to death'

By TIM JONES

A TEENAGE gang leader with a fixation for martial arts and the Triads killed a rival student with a machete outside a school's gates, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

Carl Rickard, 14, died two weeks after being slashed on the head by a machete wielded by the 15-year-old boy, who was a leader of a gang called the Golden Snakes. Members modelled themselves on the Chinese Triads. Orlando Pownall, for the prosecution, said the accused, a pupil at Thomas Tallis School in Kidbrooke, southeast London, killed Carl with a machete he kept in a locker at the nearby Kidbrooke School. The attack was in revenge for an alleged attack on a friend by Carl, who was known as "CJ".

The defendant, who cannot be named, plotted the gang's revenge in the playing field of Thomas Tallis School the day before and ambushed Carl as he left Kidbrooke School in January.

He and seven other gang members arrived at the school

## Mobile phone saves woman trapped in mud

By RICHARD DUCE

AN EMERGENCY call from her mobile telephone saved the life of Corinne Kamara as she sank deep into mudflats beside the Thames. When police discovered her, she was pitching face down into the mud.

Miss Kamara, 18, slipped and sank up to her waist while walking her dog near Hammersmith Bridge. She rang for help and was rescued an hour later, after using the telephone to identify nearby landmarks for the police.

Tracy Churchill, who helped to co-ordinate the search, said yesterday: "Her speech was garbled because she was being dragged under and was starting to breathe in mud. She was suffering from hypothermia." The officer tried to calm her while the London Fire Brigade assembled ladders across the mudbank to reach her. They managed to attach a harness which they used to free her.

Mr Chambers, of Richmond police, said: "The mobile phone saved her life. The area is a storm drain, which means the mud is particularly soft and dangerous."

Miss Kamara, of Shepherd's Bush, was unavailable for comment last night. Her alibi after the attack.

The trial continues.

The Brecon house damaged by the explosion

wrecked building with Tom Reynolds, another neighbour.

"I was watching a soccer match on television and heard the blast," he said. "At first I thought it was a car bomb that had gone off."

"One man was obviously dead and the other man was conscious and in a lot of pain. Tom and I started to give him first aid but the emergency services told us to get out of the house because of safety fears."

Police believe the explosion occurred in the lounge and that both men were in the room at the time. Mr Horner, who suffered severe head, chest and limb injuries, is critically ill in the Nevill Hall Hospital, Abergavenny.

A military spokesman at Brecon confirmed that the two men were not in the Forces.

Army plastic explosive was found during a search of Mr Horner's home, but said police were not linking the find with terrorism.

After the explosion, at about 10pm on Sunday, more than

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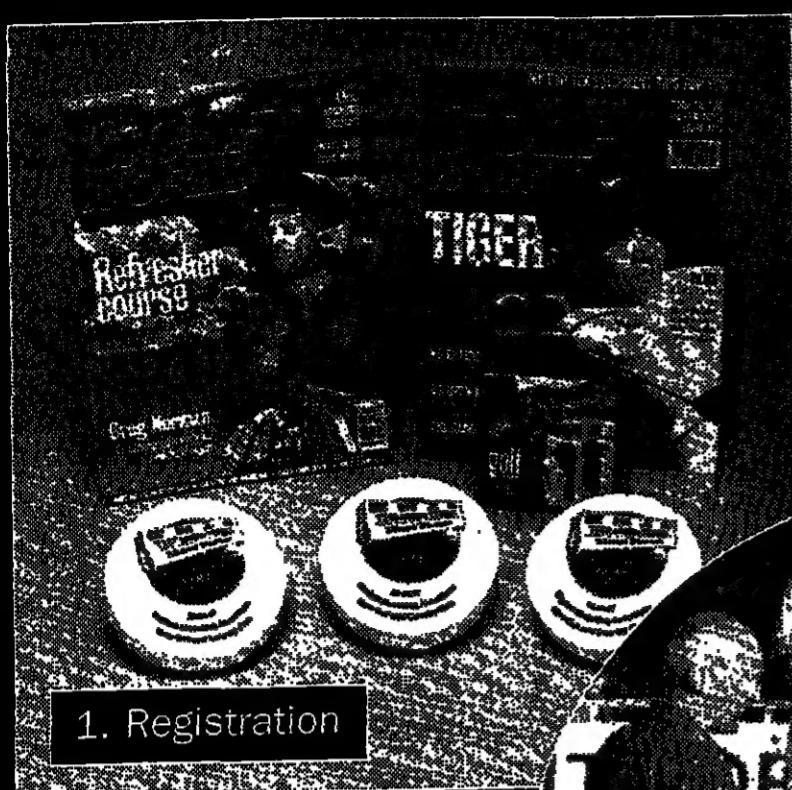


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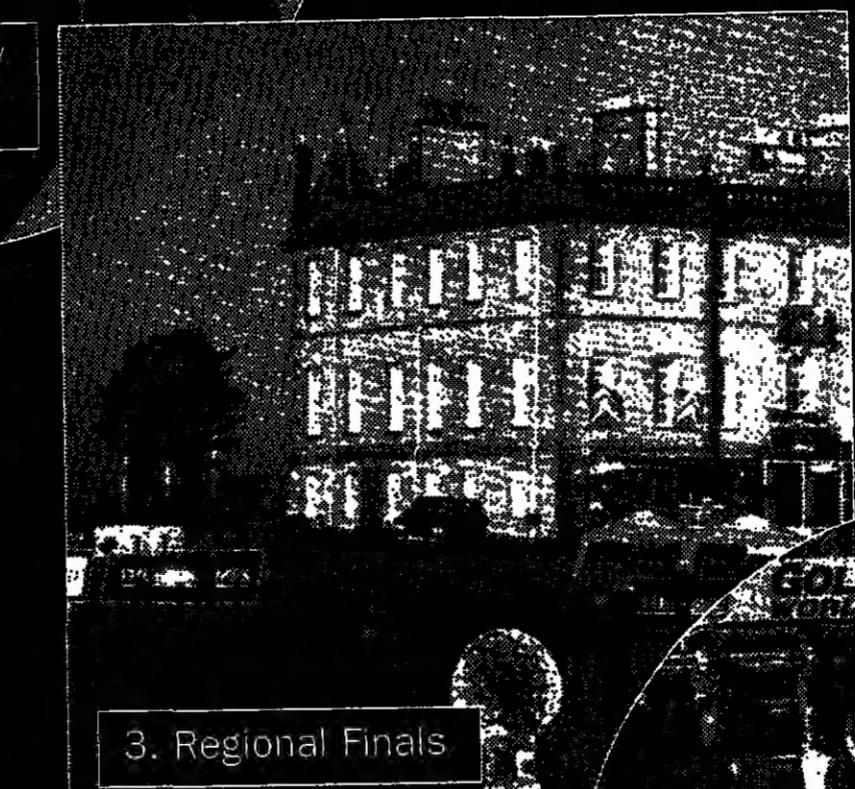
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# Boy dies after getting stuck in tumble dryer

Three-year-old suffocated when door shut behind him as he was playing hide-and-seek, writes Richard Duce

A FATHER described yesterday how his three-year-old son suffocated after he climbed into a tumble dryer and became stuck.

Tony Hutchinson organised neighbours to look for his son, Jordan, after he vanished last Saturday afternoon. When the police were called in an hour later they found the body. It is thought the boy may have been playing a game of hide-and-seek in the kitchen with the family's dog.

Mr Hutchinson, of Sharrow, Newcastle upon Tyne, said: "It was a freak accident. The last place I thought of looking for Jordan was the tumble dryer. I would warn other parents to put their tumble dryers on benches. I know it looks silly, but if

it saves your child's life then it will be worth it."

The dryer had been bought when Jordan was born, to help cope with the extra washing. "We could never have imagined it would be involved in his death," his father said.

Mr Hutchinson, unemployed, had been upstairs with his other son, Lewis, 11 months, and returned to find no sign of Jordan. "The side gate was open so I presumed he had gone into the street. I went looking for him and the neighbours came out too."

"Manufacturers ought to make a point of having clear glass fronts to such machines. If ours had a clear glass front I would have seen him in there straightforwardly." He added: "It has devastated



Tony Hutchinson: called in neighbours to help

gather, his jeans caught the door and pulled it behind him. The doctor said he would have died in minutes because of the airtight seal. He was in the foetal position and his knees were pressed right up to his chest. He was in such a confined space he would not have been able to shout for help."

An inquest into Jordan's death was opened and adjourned yesterday for the police inquiry. A spokesman for Northumbria Police said: "There are no suspicious circumstances. It appears to have been a tragic accident." The maker of the dryer, Creda, said it had begun its own investigation.

A spokesman for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents said: "The best advice is to keep the door of washing machines and tumble dryers shut. Some manufacturers recommend the door is left open to allow the machine to dry, but when young children are around that shouldn't happen."



Jordan, 3, who is believed to have died in minutes after the door swung shut

Makers urged to redesign locks

A SIMPLE design modification could be made to tumble dryers and washer-dryers to prevent the accident that killed Jordan Hutchinson, it was claimed yesterday.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) suggested that dryers could have a secondary locking device so that a closed door could still be opened from inside. But if a user wanted to operate the machine an external button would have to be pressed to lock the door.

The death of Jordan is expected to lead to a review of machine design by manufacturers. Fridge designs were changed after a number of children became trapped. Locks were replaced by magnetic seals which meant the door could be opened from the inside.

However, both RoSPA and the makers emphasised that the best way to avoid accidents was to ensure constant supervision of children.

## Rocket man opts for more space

By RUSSELL JENKINS

MANCHESTER'S rocket man is abandoning Britain for the Arctic Circle. Steve Bennett has had enough of the windswept army testing ranges in Otterburn, Northumberland, and plans to launch his next space shot from Kiruna in northern Sweden.

Last month's attempt to launch his 22ft rocket, Lexx, had to be called off because the wind was blowing in the wrong direction. Mr Bennett took the decision at the last moment because he would have had to launch the rocket into the wind in the direction of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Lexx, ten times more powerful than its predecessor, is designed to reach further into the Earth's atmosphere than any other amateur rocket. Its creator is confident that it will climb 15 miles at Mach 3.

Mr Bennett, from Dukinfield, said: "Otterburn is just about big enough but, as was proved last month, if the weather is not up to scratch we have to abort. So we are going to go to Kiruna because it is a massive site. It is much larger than Otterburn. The weather will probably be just as bad as up in Northumberland, but because the site is so big it does not matter."

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## Plagiarist poet adds a line of apology

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A DISGRACED poet has apologised for copying two other writers. Alan M. Kent admitted that he "modified" Scottish works and claimed them as his own in Cornwall.

An anthology, *Modern Cornish Poets*, which includes Kent's writings, will continue to be sold, but will contain an erratum slip acknowledging the Scottish poets Derick Thomson and Meg Bateman. Kent is also due to meet Cornwall officials before he starts a new job as adviser on English and drama for the county council.

A statement agreed with Kent's lawyers and publishers said: "The work of Professor Thomson and of other poets in that tradition, concerning issues facing contemporary Celtic cultures, resonated deeply with Mr Kent's own experience of urgent problems that Cornwall shares."

Kent changed the title of Bateman's poem *Hard for me your going back to Ireland into Hard for me your return to England*, and referred to the Tamar instead of the North Channel. The agreement has been struck between Canongate Press, the Scots publishers, and Lyons & Kent's publisher, which is based at his parents' home.

## Alert on drugs in pregnancy

### MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

DOCTORS have been reminded of the care needed when prescribing drugs for pregnant women, or those who might become pregnant.

The Committee on Safety of Medicines and the Medicines Control Agency have written to doctors today to emphasise that any drug should be prescribed during pregnancy only if the benefits for both mother and child outweigh the risks. Sometimes a risk has to be accepted, but it has to be balanced against the greater hazards if the drug is withheld.

As an example the reminder quotes the problems that can arise in the treatment of epilepsy, for although some anticonvulsants can occasionally cause foetal abnormalities so, too, can the poor level of oxygenation in the blood that occurs during an epileptic seizure.

Doctors are reminded to be particularly careful about prescribing benzodiazepines. This group of drugs includes tranquillisers such as Valium (diazepam) and Ativan (lorazepam), and sleeping pills including Mogadon (nitraz-

epam) and Normison (temazepam).

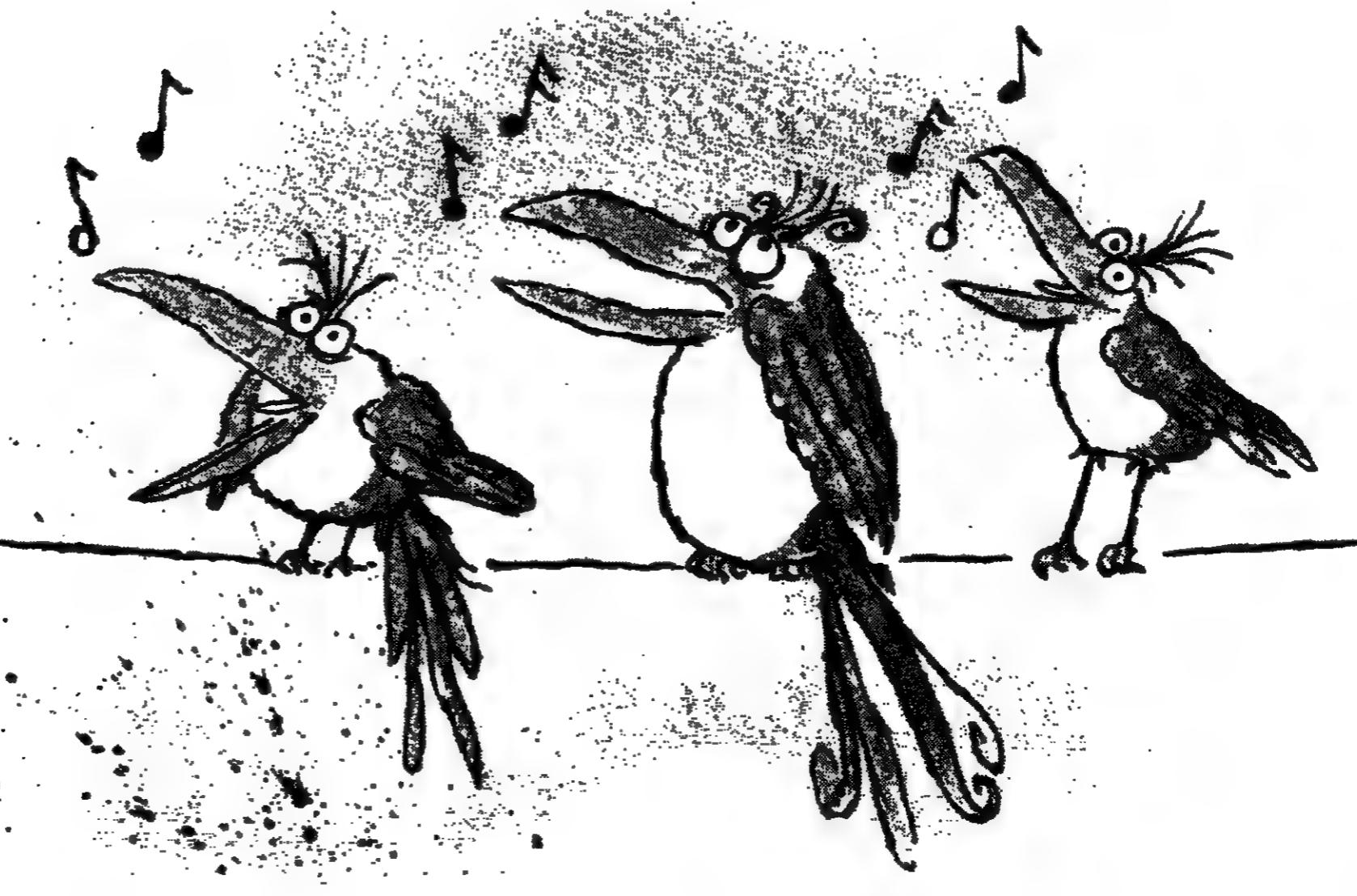
Benzodiazepines cross the placental barrier. There has been argument about whether such drugs can cause foetal abnormalities such as cleft palates and heart defects.

There is less controversy about the influence on a child's development if the mother has taken benzodiazepines regularly during pregnancy. Fortunately by the age of four the child's development has usually caught up with that of his or her contemporaries.

The letter emphasises that when benzodiazepines are taken in late pregnancy the child is more likely to suffer from hypotonia and respiratory depression, and that their limbs will be unusually "floppy". If the woman has relied upon heavy doses of benzodiazepines the newborn child may suffer withdrawal symptoms and be unusually irritable and have difficulty with feeding.

Doctors are advised that it is unwise to prescribe benzodiazepines to mothers who are breastfeeding as these drugs are excreted in the milk.

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# Brazil revives Devil's Train in jungle tomb

A LEGENDARY Brazilian railway line, completed in 1912 at the cost of the lives of thousands of British, American, German and Barbadian workers, is being resurrected from the jungle.

Known as the Devil's Train — legend has it that "one man died for every sleeper laid down" — the Madeira Mamore Railway had been Brazil's price to neighbouring Bolivia for annexing the territory of Acre during the rubber boom.

Brazil agreed to construct a line across the rapids of the Madeira and Mamore rivers, giving Bolivia an outlet of sorts to the Atlantic Ocean. What it failed to foresee was the human cost of building a path through one of the most inhospitable corners of the world.

Along the 228-mile stretch, some 6,500 engineers and railway workers died building the track between 1907 and 1912. There were tropical



Gabriella Gaminini reports from Porto Velho, Brazil, on the resurrection of a railway that cost the lives of thousands

diseases, venomous snakes and insects, the terrain often caved in, terrible rains caused bridges to collapse," said Antonio Cândido da Silva, a local historian. The line was abandoned in 1971 because the authorities could no longer afford to repair it.

Now a group of railway enthusiasts in the frontier town of Porto Velho, the capital of the Rondonia state, has decided to restore the line to its old grandeur. They have cleared the first 15 miles of track and pulled seven vintage steam engines from the undergrowth. The engines will be restored. A brick-built main station at Porto Velho has

been renovated and a railway museum displays other restored treasures.

"We have started running a service every Sunday along a four-mile stretch of the track, mostly for locals going to church or tourists who come this way," said Ruy Motta, the Culture Secretary for Rondonia, who is the restoration of the line. "More than 50 engines and wagons remain abandoned beside the track, several iron bridges are covered in vegetation and the best part of the line is still to be reclaimed, so there is much left to do," he said.

One of the newly restored locomotives, No 50, was fired

up and put into action for *The Times*. The vintage steam engine was made by a Philadelphia company which shipped dozens of locomotives and wagons into the Amazon at the turn of the century. It puffed and whistled as it pulled three newly painted wooden carriages along the narrow-gauge track leading from Porto Velho to San Antonio, a church that was

built in 1908 by some of the railway workers.

Many locals see the resurrection of the railway as a means to attract more tourism to these far reaches. But for master boiler-maker, Arthur Yinter, 72, it is also a chance to "make it up" to his ancestors. Like several of Porto Velho's inhabitants, his Barbadian-born father was one of the workers who came to the

Amazon jungle to build the line.

"My father built this line and like many, he died of malaria. We cannot let the Devil's Train be buried forever," he said.

A British firm, Public Works Construction Company, was among the first to send engineers to survey the area in 1900. After losing several hundred workers to

malaria, yellow fever and other tropical diseases it pulled out.

An American adventurer, Colonel George Church, then spearheaded efforts to find financing and construct the line.

He only got as far as importing several dozen locomotives before he too succumbed to illness. The Brazilian Government finally

GABRIELLA GAMINI



A newly restored locomotive in Porto Velho. The line, built to provide transport during the Amazon rubber boom, is expected to draw tourists

## Mexican leader pledges support

FROM DAVID ADAMS  
IN MIAMI

PRESIDENT ZEDILLO of Mexico has cemented the opening of a new political era by promising to work with the country's newly elected Congress, the first in seven decades not controlled by the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI).

In an annual "state of the union" address, traditionally a ritual celebration of the President's "imperial" powers, Señor Zedillo distanced himself from members of his party by pledging his "readiness to establish a relationship of respect" with the new opposition-controlled Congress.

His speech on Monday came after days of uncertainty during which PRI members had threatened to boycott the opening of Congress. "Neither the PRI nor the Government ever imagined they could lose the majority," Santiago Creel, a newly elected member of the opposition National Action Party, said. "This is a legislature that is just waking up from a 70-year sleep."

The PRI has been in disarray since it suffered a humiliating defeat in parliamentary elections on July 6, which handed control of the Congress to four opposition parties. Although the PRI still holds the presidency it won only 39 per cent of the vote.

## Church 'let paedophile work as a priest'

BY TUNKU VARADARAJAN

OFFICIALS of the Roman Catholic Church in America allowed a paedophile priest to work unchecked for at least 20 years, never hindering his contact with young boys even though, according to *The Dallas Morning News*, they were always aware of his sexual history and predilections.

The newspaper, which has published an extensive account of the Church's alleged connivance in the affair, said several officials, including at least two bishops, knew that Father David Holley had molested boys at parishes in four different states. Holley was sentenced to 275 years in prison in 1993.

The scandal comes just over a month after a Texan jury ordered the Diocese of Dallas to pay \$119 million (£70 million) in damages for ignoring and covering up a "mountain of evidence" of the sexual abuse of altar boys by Rudolph Kos, another paedophile priest.

The disclosure that church officials failed to act in the Holley case is expected to lead to another civil action. The cover-ups, unearthed in letters and internal church documents, are uncannily similar to the ones in the Kos affair.

Holley served in at least five parishes, leaving each one under a cloud.



Chris Foote and Spring Wright, shot as they slept

## Bounty hunters kill innocent couple

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

FIVE bounty hunters in search of their "quarry" shot dead an innocent couple as they lay in bed at night in their home in Phoenix, Arizona.

The five men, all wearing ski masks, kicked down the door to the home of Chris Foote, 23, and his girlfriend Spring Wright, 20, at 4am on Sunday.

Believing that a bedroom was occupied by a man who had jumped bail in California, and on whose head there rested a reward of \$25,000 (£15,600), they burst in, firing a hail of bullets on the couple as they slept.

The man they were searching for had never been in the house, and was unknown to

either of the occupants. Yesterday, Phoenix police said that they had arrested three men, charging them with second-degree murder, but two others they are seeking are still at large.

The case, which the local district attorney has described as "troubling", should focus attention on the murky world of bounty hunters, who need no court orders or warrants to bring bail jumpers back to prison.

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# Sex scandal fails to snare church leader

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

THE president of the National Baptist Convention, the largest black church in the United States, has survived an attempt to impeach him for adultery and the embezzlement of church funds, winning a controversial vote of confidence from the denomination's executive board.

As his supporters gave impassioned sermons — "Don't let white America tell us how to do your will, O Lord," cried one pastor to a packed congregation at the annual Baptist Convention in Denver — the Rev Henry Lyons denied any wrongdoing and called for reconciliation.

Mr Lyons, who is a close friend of President Clinton, took office in 1994 as leader of the Baptists' denomination which accounts for a quarter of all black Americans.

A feisty Floridian, he promised to clean up the church, whose ledgers then revealed a rather slovenly approach to accounting. However, damaging accusations of peculation

began to be made against the church leader, none of which he was able to rebut.

Matters came to a head when he hired Bernice Edwards — a woman with a conviction for embezzlement — to the post of the denomination's corporate public relations director. Not only did Mr Lyons pay her \$440,000 (£270,000) in commissions, he allegedly began a sexual liaison with her. This culminated in the purchase of a commodious "love nest" in an upmarket waterfront quarter of St Petersburg, in Florida. The church's money was used to pay for the home.

Details of Mr Lyons's alleged affair with Ms Edwards were splashed across American newspapers in July after his wife Deborah, was found attempting to set fire to the St Petersburg mansion and charged with burglary and arson.

Although Mrs Lyons, who was arrested and later released on \$10,000 bail, spoke out angrily against her husband's "infidelity" at the time of the incident, she later withdrew her accusations, saying instead that she had "inadvertently dropped a lit match on a carpet, unfortunately causing a minor blaze".

A series of media reports

followed, accusing Mr Lyons of misusing church money to buy property, cars and jewellery for Ms Edwards. Records also reveal that he bought a \$27,500 Lexus car as a "gift" for a former church employee.

Mr Lyons's defenders round on the "white" media, accusing them of trying to debilitate one of black America's foremost institutions. The National Baptist Convention is 117 years old, has 33,000 churches across the country and 8.5 million parishioners. It has played a seminal role in promoting black education and civil rights.

Yet opponents of Mr Lyons have vowed to continue fighting to get rid of him. Leaders of 350 Baptist churches have formed a "Coalition for a Better Convention".

An angry anti-Lyons pastor said: "As Christians we are taught to love everybody and forgive. But we cannot conduct business as usual in a case like this."



Deborah Lyons: dropped match "inadvertently"



The Rev Henry Lyons, facing claims of adultery and embezzlement, denied any wrongdoing and urged reconciliation

## Congress set for new battle over welfare

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

CONGRESS formally reopens today to acrimony, pitting Republican leaders against President Clinton in a battle over the welfare reform programme, which is driving the biggest social experiment in America for decades.

Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives, who is struggling for political survival after a failed Republican coup against his leadership, plans a fierce, national campaign against Mr Clinton's proposal to give people on welfare-to-work schemes all the benefits and protections of conventional employees.

Yesterday, as the Senate reassembled a day before the House, Mr Clinton, Mr Gingrich, Trent Lott, Senate Majority Leader and Vice-President Al Gore strolled together across the grass of Capitol Hill in a picture of bipartisan harmony. But that image conceals the gulf still gaping over the details of welfare reform, which both sides claim as their main achievement this year.

Republican state governors, who have pioneered the schemes to force people off welfare and into work, say Mr Clinton's plan will scupper the entire project, which they argue is showing the first indisputable signs of success.

Yesterday Tommy Thompson, Republican Governor of Wisconsin and architect of one of the most ambitious schemes to cut welfare rolls, pressed the button on the latest and harshest stage of his reforms. From September 1, no one in Wisconsin will receive any kind of benefit without participating in a job-search programme.

Under Mr Thompson's mantra "Everybody can do

something", Wisconsin makes exceptions, even for handicapped people or single mothers.

Latest figures show that the numbers living off welfare in Wisconsin have fallen from 100,000 in 1987 to below 38,000, although critics warn that the poorest people may be suffering under the reforms, and that a slowdown in the booming American economy could throw many back into unemployment.

Mr Gingrich, who has spent two weeks touring the country trying to boost his waning political fortunes, hopes to seize on the early successes of the experiment to attack Mr Clinton's plans.

He argues that giving welfare-to-work recipients all the benefits of full employment will jeopardise the entire project.

Under one Clinton provision, people employed in "make-work" schemes such as sweeping town streets would be entitled to the minimum wage, and unemployment benefits if they lost the "job".

Details of the welfare legislation are among a batch of Bills agreed by the House and Senate before the August break which must be signed into law by October 1, the start of the federal government budget year. Other loose ends include traditional annual issues such as the budget for the National Endowment of the Arts and funding of abortion clinics.

It is the welfare issue, by a long way, which offers Mr Gingrich his best chance of demonstrating political clout and fending off another leadership challenge from his restless and sceptical troops.

## Dutch plan to give addicts free heroin

FROM MATTHEW BEARD  
IN AMSTERDAM

EELS BORST, the Dutch Health Minister, faces parliament today with a controversial plan to give free heroin to 750 addicts, if approved, the scheme will run for two years and aims to integrate users back into society.

A similar scheme in Switzerland has virtually eliminated crime among addicts, but the Dutch version will be on a bigger scale. Its opponents in parliament will argue that 750 is too many to be experimenting with, but Dr Borst believes a large group is needed to provide credible results.

The liberal approach to soft drugs worries European neighbours, especially France and Belgium, which claim Dutch tolerance of cannabis poses serious problems in the absence of border controls. International pressure recently prompted the Government to cut the amount of cannabis on sale in coffee shops. Such cafés now number 1,290.

Dr Borst argues that because she has no evidence of cannabis predisposing the user to harder drugs, the Government will not prosecute individual users or small-



Borst: liberal approach opposed by some MPs

scale dealers. She believes the danger occurs when a user socialises where soft and hard drugs are available together.

"The separation of the markets does work," she says, pointing out that the Dutch record on combating hard drug addiction is better than in neighbouring countries. Other countries' police and prosecuting authorities recognise that criminalising soft drug use is counterproductive, she maintains, but are unwilling to convince a sceptical public. Last month Dr Borst approved a "weed pill" containing a painkiller extracted from marijuana.

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## Jail for Danes who sent bombs to Britain

By CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT  
IN COPENHAGEN

THE Danish High Court yesterday jailed three neo-Nazis for between three and eight years for attempting to send letter-bombs to targets in Britain. The three were found guilty by a jury.

The defendants, all Danes, were Thomas Derry Nakaba, Michael Volder and Nicky Steensgaard. Nakaba was jailed for eight years for manufacturing and attempting to send three letter-bombs through the post to British addresses. Volder and Steensgaard received three-year sentences as accomplices.

One of the bombs was addressed to Sharon Davies, the television presenter, who is married to the black athlete, Derek Redmond. Another was intended for the Anti-Fascist Action organisation and the third for a wing of the far-right Combat 18 group in Britain. This was part of a feud between international neo-Nazi factions.

Danish police testified that the devices, disguised as video cassettes, contained dummy explosive but real detonators which could have blown off a recipient's hand.

Danish detectives, tipped off by Scotland Yard, intercepted the bombs after Nakaba posted them in mid-January in the Swedish port of Malmö, across the Baltic Sound from Copenhagen.

Nakaba claimed that he was acting under orders from a faction of Combat 18, named after the first and eighth letters of the alphabet, A and H, the initials of Adolf Hitler. Nakaba said that an Englishman linked to the group visited him in Denmark and gave him explosives, a pistol, and the addresses to which the bombs were to be sent.

# Humbled Short agrees to visit volcano island

BY TOM RHODES IN MONTSERRAT AND PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

CLARE SHORT, the International Development Secretary, made a tacit apology to Montserrat yesterday, agreeing to visit the volcano-ravaged colony within two months to oversee a new long-term plan for the island's development.

The announcement of the visit by George Foulkes, her deputy who ended his own tour of Montserrat yesterday, came after Ms Short's refusal of an invitation by the island's Government and comments in which she accused local leaders of deliberately misrepresenting British offers of help.

Mr Foulkes, who also announced a five-year "sustainable development plan" for Montserrat to be funded by Britain and the European Union, has failed during his trip to apologise publicly for his department's apparent mishandling of policy.

Last month Mr Foulkes, reading from the wrong report by the Montserrat Volcano Observatory, had predicted a "cataclysmic eruption", sparking evacuation panic among islanders. His comments were compounded by Ms Short, who said she was exasperated by the Montserrat Government's "silly political games" and "hysterical scaremongering" in its demands for an improved financial package to help the 5,000 residents who

have remained since the Soufrière Hills volcano started to erupt two years ago.

She said the local authorities would next be demanding "golden elephants" from London and, despite an almost empty diary, cited future trips to Bangladesh, Hong Kong and Africa as reasons why she could not undertake a visit to the Caribbean.

Ms Short was then removed from oversight of the Montserrat affair and replaced by a taskforce headed by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary. It came as part of government efforts to mend fences with the colony and to salvage the Prime Minister's "caring" foreign policy.

Bernie Grant, MP for Tottenham, who has just returned from Montserrat, saw Ms Short yesterday and voiced his delight at her decision to go to the island. "We all know Clare, we all love Clare. We know she is well-intentioned," he said. He added that he had explained to the islanders that she was a "good person" and had their interests at heart.

However some of Ms Short's ministerial colleagues are still angry about her attack on Whitehall officials and some of the Foreign Office for criticism of her handling of the affair. In an interview she criticised "vile and dishonest"

spin doctors and suggested that there was an attempt to destroy her department.

Fellow ministers have accused her of self-indulgence and naivety for going public with her complaints. Tony Blair might have come under pressure to dismiss her were it not for the death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

In Montserrat, Mr Foulkes and David Brandt, the island's Chief Minister, signed a joint declaration that would ensure healthcare, education, utilities as well as internal and external communications for all who wished to remain in the island. For those on Montserrat who want to leave, the Government will provide an initial right of unrestricted entry to the United Kingdom for two years. It will allow the islanders access to income support, housing benefit, schooling and healthcare and transport costs to Britain can be paid.

A separate financial package will be made available to those who prefer to stay. Work on a remaining batch of 200 homes to be built will continue.

Mr Foulkes declined to be specific about costs, but said the scheme would amount to much more than the £4 million spent or put aside for Montserrat.



George Foulkes talks to children at a shelter in St John, Montserrat

## Hardline Serbs seize TV control from Nato

FROM TOM WALKER  
IN SARAJEVO

A DISPUTED television transmitter was back in the hands of Radovan Karadzic's Bosnian Serb state television network last night, although Nato denied that troops defending it had caved in to a stone-throwing mob sent to take it by the hardline Serb leadership.

In the confusing aftermath of a mêlée around the Udrigovo mast, in which American troops were at one stage forced to use teargas to repel Dr Karadzic's forces, a four-point plan was thrashed out, satisfactory to both

the hardline Bosnian Serbs and Nato. Bosnian Serb state television is to be divided into two stations — one broadcasting from Banja Luka and the west, loyal to President Plavšić, and one controlled by Dr Karadzic at the Pale studios of Srpska Radio and Television in the east.

The flashpoints in the struggle between Mrs Plavšić and Dr Karadzic are concentrated around the narrow Brcko corridor that separates the western and eastern Bosnian Serb territories.

Diplomats are convinced that the rioters who stoned Nato's Stabilisation Force (Sfor) troops in

Brcko last week were also responsible for the trouble at Udrigovo, about 20 miles south of Brcko.

Since Sunday there had been a tense stand-off, as American Sfor troops supported by Bradley light tanks cordoned off the mast after reports that Karadzic loyalists wished to destroy it, preventing Mrs Plavšić's moderate message reaching some of the 300,000 Bosnian Serbs living in the Karadzic-controlled eastern territory.

A rock-wielding mob soon arrived, and on Monday the Pale studio reported that Nato was again on the offensive, firing rubber bullets and

"poison gas". Eventually, late on Monday, American troops were forced to roll a teargas canister into the crowd, which dispersed yesterday after the agreement.

"I understand it went through at the very highest level," one diplomat said. General Wesley Clarke, the Nato commander, was said to have helped to draft the agreement. Under the plan, the Pale studios must not incite violence against Sfor and must allow opposition politicians and Mrs Plavšić reasonable air time.

Carlos Westendorp, the High Representative in Bosnia, will be given a half-hour slot in which he will

explain Sfor's actions in Brcko, during which US troops attempted in vain to help Mrs Plavšić install her police in the town's central station.

The points are all laudable, but such agreements are floated as a matter of course by Pale.

□ Grave found: International investigators from The Hague will today travel to Bihać, in far northwestern Bosnia, to examine a mass grave thought to contain the remains of up to 300 Muslims. If early reports are accurate, it could be one of the biggest mass graves of the Bosnian war, on a par with those found around Srebrenica.

## WORLD SUMMARY

### Burundi massacre sentences

Bujumbura: Three courts in Burundi sentenced 30 people to death for participating in massacres and assassinations since 1993, a Justice Ministry spokesman said.

The courts in Ngozi, Gitega and Bujumbura also sentenced 10 people to life imprisonment, 19 were jailed for up to 20 years and seven were acquitted. About 140 people have been sentenced to death for such crimes but only six executed, the spokesman said.

Three Burundian rebels died in an ambush by government soldiers in Bururi province in the south-east, state radio said. (Reuters)

### UN go-ahead

New York: The United Nations said the new Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the former Zaire, has removed its objections to a UN investigation into suspected massacres of Rwandan Hutu refugees during its battle for power (James Bone writes). The Government had provoked protests by asking for the head of the UN team to be replaced and demanding that the team work with the Organisation of African Unity.

### Alps death toll

Paris: Ninety-five people died climbing in the French Alps this summer, matching the toll last year, police reported. Of the victims, 36 were killed on Mont Blanc, Europe's highest peak and the most visited in the Alps. Most of those killed were climbers or hikers who were inexperienced or had poor training. A total of 796 people were injured and there were 1,120 rescue missions. (Reuters)

### Murder charges

Beira, Mozambique: Three men have been arrested on charges of killing British travellers Andrew and Caroline MacGowan in April. Their Toyota car was stolen and later found after it had been crashed, officials said. A suspect told journalists they only wanted the car and feared they would be found out if they left the two alive. (AP)

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## Two cosmonauts face fines after being blamed for Mir collision

FROM RICHARD BEENTON  
IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S space agency is likely to impose punitive fines on two cosmonauts who were yesterday formally blamed for an accident this summer involving the space station Mir.

According to Tass, a commission of inquiry has "concluded beyond doubt" that Vasili Tsibliev, Mir's last commander, and Aleksandr Lazutkin, the former flight engi-

neer, were responsible for the error that led to the orbiter and a supply vessel colliding on June 25. "Personally we felt sorry for the lads, but facts are facts," said Valeri Ryumin, chief co-ordinator of the Mir-Nasa programme and a member of the commission.

The details are expected to be released tomorrow, when it will become clear how much the cosmonauts may have to pay in fines. Space officials, the Russian press and even President Yeltsin have

been hinting for weeks that human error was responsible. In particular, it is alleged that the crew mis-calculated the mass of the Progress supply ship. The wrong data was reportedly entered into the onboard computer leading to the worst accident in Mir's 11-year history.

As a result of the crash the Spektr module had to be abandoned and the space station lost nearly half its power. The two cosmonauts were replaced last

month and the fresh crew began the first of several space walks last week to repair the module.

The cosmonauts are unlikely to accept the commission's findings without a fight but, only days after his return to Earth, Mr Tsibliev lashed out at the Russian authorities. He said the crew should have abandoned the spacecraft on three occasions because of breakdowns but continued to work in hazardous conditions. He insisted that Mir's problems were the result of

inadequate supplies and poor funding. "It has been a long-time tradition here in Russia to look for scapegoats," he said last month. "Of course, it is easier to put all the blame on the crew. But in this case, there is no specific person to blame."

During their six-month stay on Mir the cosmonauts received \$100 (662.50) a day and bonuses for repair work and space walks, adding up to more than \$20,000.

Their case is not hopeless, how-

ever. In June 1995, two cosmonauts, Vladimir Dezhurov and Gennadi Strekalov, were each fined \$10,000 for refusing to conduct an unscheduled space walk. They appealed in court and won a ruling against Energiya, the company that operates Mir. It was forced to pay them their full salary.

One person who is not involved in the dispute is the British-born Nasa astronaut Michael Foale. Although he was also on Mir at the time of the accident, and had to

evacuate his living quarters on Spektr when the module was damaged, a spokeswoman for the US space agency insisted that the row was a purely Russian affair.

Certainly yesterday the Cambridge-educated astronaut's attention was focused elsewhere as he made preparations to carry out an arduous space walk scheduled for Saturday when he will inspect the outside of Spektr in the hope of locating where the module's hull was pierced.

## America threatens to walk out of talks on landmine ban

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE United States said yesterday that it would only sign a treaty banning anti-personnel landmines if its special interests in Korea were accepted by the other countries negotiating a global convention.

Stephen Goose, of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, said Washington had indicated there was no flexibility on the Korean issue and it was willing to walk out of the conference if it lost a vote on the provision.

On the second day of the three-week negotiations in Oslo involving more than 100 countries, Eric Newsom, the American delegation leader, said: "The United States has come here with the intention of negotiating in good faith a treaty we will be able to sign."

However, he said, the US insisted that a treaty banning landmines must cover American concerns, such as defending South Korea from communist North Korea. He said the treaty needed to

include arrangements "to allow us to meet our defence obligations in Korea". America, however, would ban anti-personnel mines in Korea when possible, he said.

The Oslo talks are continuing a process that began in Ottawa in October 1996. The Americans only agreed to join the process two weeks ago. Its stand yesterday caused considerable opposition from delegations who wanted a total ban without exceptions.

Mr Goose said: "The Americans are definitely the problem nation here. But we are confident that if it did come to a vote, the United States would be defeated." He said 33 nations spoke against the American proposal. Two with young rights, Japan and Poland, supported it.

Mr Newsom said: "Many of the delegations are very concerned that a Korean provision would open the door to other geographical exemptions." But he said this would not happen, since Korea is

completely unique". He denied claims that the US wanted some "smart mines", which self-destruct or disarm themselves after a set time.

Mr Goose claimed the US was trying to have some types of mines reclassified, so that they would not fall under a ban on anti-personnel mines.

Although the initiative for the so-called Ottawa process was started by the Canadian Government, the present draft has been drawn up by the Austrian delegation. Any changes have to be approved by two-thirds of states with voting rights.

The most prominent campaigner for such a ban was Diana, the Princess of Wales. Delegates held a one-minute silence in her memory on the first day of the conference.

Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, is scheduled to present his views to delegates today.

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Hun Sen rejects peace talks

Royalist forces gave up and returned to the government side. He said they would not be charged with any crimes. The king, who has just returned from Beijing where he has been treated for several ailments since February, has offered to act as a mediator. (Reuters)



The Jerusalem Post's view of Madeleine Albright's mission to the Middle East, which starts next week

## Israel starts to lift blockade of West Bank

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL began yesterday a gradual lifting of the blockade imposed on the West Bank and Gaza Strip more than a month ago in reaction to the double suicide bombing in a Jerusalem market that claimed 17 lives and threatened the peace process.

The gesture came hours before a delegation from Benjamin Netanyahu's Government was due to leave Tel Aviv for Washington to prepare for next week's crucial first visit to the Middle East by Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State. A Palestinian team will fly to the US capital later this week.

As the first of the 4,000 Palestinian workers given permission to make their way back to work in Israel, officials in Jerusalem denied speculation that the move was linked to Ms Albright's visit. They said that the limited lifting of the closure that has kept about 80,000 Palestinians from their jobs was guided by security considerations and concern that worsening economic hardship was increasing support among Palestinians for violence against Israel.

Israeli security sources said that "hot information" that further attacks against Jewish civilian targets were expected had been received as a result of questioning of Islamic terrorist suspects. Crowded areas such as Jerusalem's main shopping mall are considered likely targets.

"It is not true that we are lifting the closure," Mr Netanyahu told Israel Radio.

"We are easing it gradually to the limit set by our security assessments, which are examined daily."

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## Nothing but praise for Diana

IT IS hard to imagine a greater outpouring of public emotion than the one we have witnessed over the past few days. But journalists are a cynical bunch: we look askance at the things most people go dewy-eyed over; if we see a bubble, we like to burst it. But I haven't read — or written — the expected cynical aside or witnessed the usual brittle world-weariness or got any measure of our archly professional distance. We, no less than those who line the paths leading to Kensington and St James's Palaces, have been anxious to pay tearful tribute.

I can see how this must stick in some people's craw. Those who tormented Diana, Princess of Wales, have been falling over themselves to protest their grief. We, who have criticised in the past, have only praise to offer now. Yes, I know it looks like hypocrisy — so alike, some could say, as to be indistinguishable — but I don't think that's what it is. I think it is genuine feeling. For all that we are cynics, the news of the Princess's ghastly death has punctured our smug certainties and left us open to an unexpected wave of raw emotion. If you, the reading public, are surprised by our reaction, then so are we. Journalists are not used to feeling this way — for real.

that is. Counterfeit emotion, the usual syrupy sentimentality, is the currency of certain areas of the news media, but this is different.

I don't say that we don't want to ask some awkward questions or that we wish to take on the full-time role of hagiographers, but there is a way in which it is appropriate to say only positive things now.

When the Princess was alive, it seemed legitimate to respond honestly to her behaviour. For example, after she did the probably regretted *Panorama* interview, it would have been strange had commentators felt barred from making their criticisms. There was, to some extent, a dialogue. Now there can be none.

Everyone makes mistakes. We all have our faults. In normal everyday life we might from time to time castigate ourselves for our shortcomings or get irritated by our friends for theirs. But

now we are all bound to feel isolated in our grief

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**Nigella Lawson**



## An unforgettable picture of isolation

IT MAY be that we'd rather the picture had never been taken, it may be that we'd prefer never to have seen it, but we have and we can't now wipe out the image. I don't think I've seen anything more heart-breaking than that photograph of the Prince of Wales and those poor boys sitting in the back of the car on the way to church, isolated, not one of them holding another. I know that not everyone wants to show affection in public, that many people find it distasteful. I know that the photograph does not necessarily reflect how things are in private. But the image was so cold, the reality it evoked so bleak. It seemed to conjure up everything the boys had lost.

Reports are that it was the Queen who insisted they all go to church as normal, that the show must go on. To me it feels obscene to be telling children whose mother has just died to be brave, to soldier on. What children need in such circumstances is comfort.

I heard the royal biographer

Sarah Bradford on the radio, also expressing the hope that the children wouldn't be told to be brave, and that the Queen would take them on jolly outings. Who wants a jolly outing when reeling from the shock of a mother's death? Where do people get this sort of stuff from? You can't bully people out of suffering or jolly them out of it, either.

Too many people insist on the power and good of memories, as they try to convince the grieving that the person who has died will live on in them. But that comes later, years, decades later. What one wants is the real person, to hug, to hold, to smell, to feel. That has to be mourned.

Having a parent die is always painful, but now, in the age of the broken home, it is much harder. In the old saying, the children could at least grieve with the parent who remained. But after divorce, however well the surviving parent behaves, the children feel that the parent they do have didn't love the parent they no longer have: naturally they are going to feel isolated in their grief, and confused by the anger they must feel to the parent who must now take all the blame alone.

In this case, it is even more

## Ministerial phrase

THERE has been some debate about the origin of Tony Blair's epithet, "the People's Princess". Knowing whisperers ascribe the phrase to his press secretary, Alastair Campbell. Now I know Mr Campbell was a very effective tabloid journalist in an earlier life, which might lend credence to the attribution. But it is not so. The coinage is not even new; it was minted ten years ago — by Julie Burchill.

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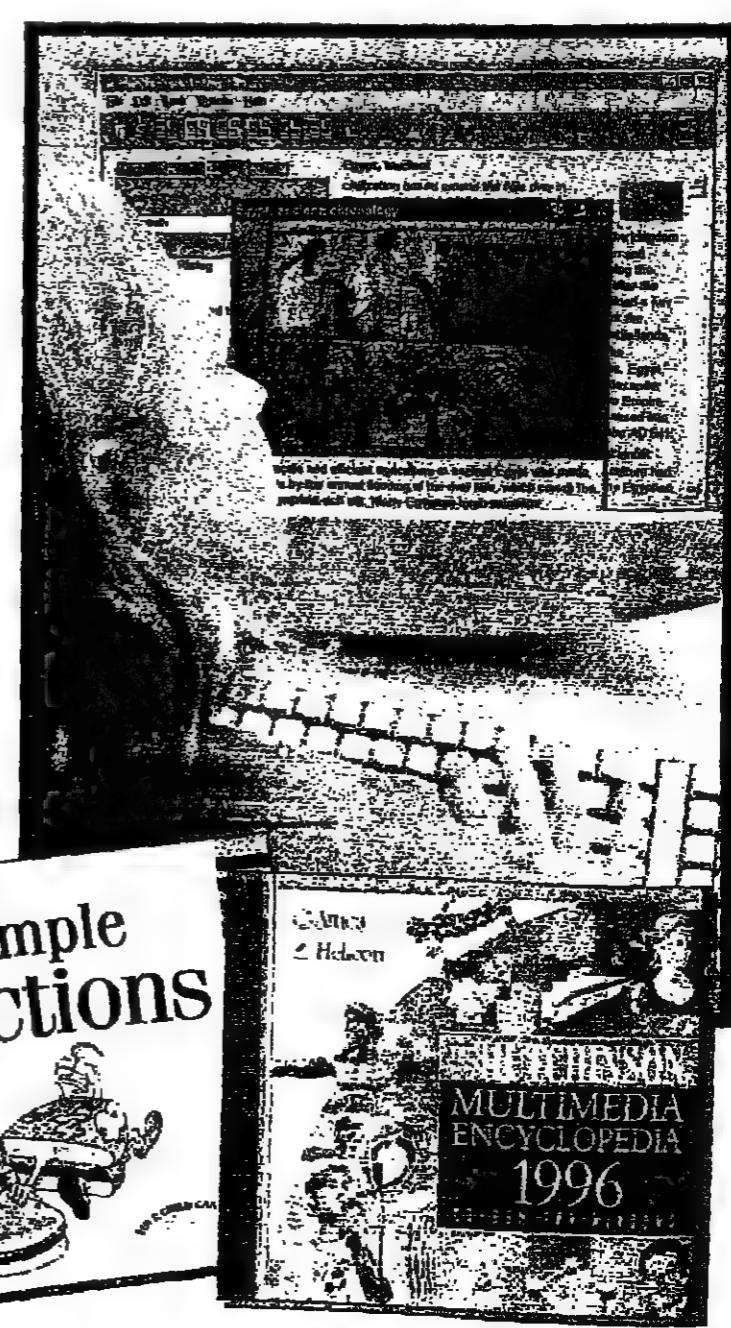
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# Kohl's doom is good news for the euro

**EMU will survive its champion's defeat, says Anatole Kaletsky**

**W**ith every week that goes by, Helmut Kohl, the towering colossus of European politics, looks more like a lame duck. The German Chancellor's waning power has enormous implications for the future of Europe, but they may not be quite as they appear. Facing likely defeat in next autumn's general election, Herr Kohl is on the defensive even within his own right-of-centre coalition, especially on the question of economic and monetary union. This has led some Eurosceptics (*myself included*) to hope that the EMU project might be fatally weakened by Herr Kohl's waning power. The truth, however, may be exactly the other way round.

The era of Herr Kohl's unquestioned dominance over German politics is clearly ending. The Chancellor still struts and frets his hour upon the stage of European history, but even his acolytes sense that his voice may soon be heard no more. Hence the sudden collapse of discipline in his coalition. There could, however, be one immense consolation for Herr Kohl. The more it becomes clear that he has finally lost the support of the German people, the better his chances of success in his last historic mission: to create a monetary union in Europe and abolish the mark.

This statement may seem utterly perverse. Herr Kohl, after all, has been the greatest champion of EMU. Without his total domination of German politics, this unpopular project would never have stood a chance. At first sight it seemed, therefore, that his loss of power would grievously damage the prospects for EMU. When the bungled attempt to raid the Bundesbank's gold reserves set the final seal on Herr Kohl's electoral prospects, the chances of the single currency going ahead seemed much diminished, and I said as much in these columns. I now think this analysis was wrong.

When Herr Kohl was merely weak, but not yet fully wounded, the German opposition parties had a strong incentive to use the currency issue against him in the hope of delivering the mortal blow. The Social Democrats seemed likely to select Gerhard Schröder, one of Germany's few articulate Eurosceptics, as their candidate for Chancellor despite the fact that his pro-market, Blairite doctrines were deeply unpopular with party activists.

But now that the Chancellor seems to stand almost no chance of re-election, the Opposition — whose natural instincts are even more Euro-federalist than those of the Christian Democrats — no longer needs to play the currency card. The Social Democrat activists may not even feel the need to hold their noses and vote for Herr Schröder, but opt instead for the party's present pro-EMU traditionalist chairman, Oskar Lafontaine. Herr Kohl's own Bavarian coalition partners may still fulminate against his plot to give up the mark, but outside the beer-halls of Mu-

**Europe may again become a taboo issue for German Social Democrats**

burg had productivity 60 per cent below Nissan's and 40 per cent lower than a Seat plant in Spain which VW owns and runs. This points to danger for Germany even in the recent export revival. Many of these exports are sales of machinery to foreign subsidiaries of German companies, urgently relocating their factories in eastern and southern Europe to escape Germany's uncompetitive costs. Under these circumstances the only way for Germany to make its workers competitive again in world markets is to continue devaluing the mark.

**T**hough Bundesbank officials may boast of their unshakable commitment to a hard currency, the businessmen and trade union leaders who dominate the main political parties' economic thinking want to enjoy the benefits of a falling currency. They will veto any action that could threaten their industries with renewed hardening of the mark. This fear of a strong currency in the business community and the unions makes it impossible for any "responsible" German politician to demand that EMU be abandoned or even delayed.

The upshot is that Herr Kohl is now free to fulfil his ambition of taking Germany into EMU on almost any terms — and nobody in a position of power in Germany is prepared to try to stop him. Perhaps, after all, he will enjoy his last hearty laugh, even as he feels the reins of power slipping from his grasp.

*Alan Coren's column will return next Wednesday.*

ship with Camilla Parker Bowles. The BBC has a natural authority on occasions such as this, an advantage that McDonald and his team will be keen to usurp. John Suchet will be providing the commentary during the funeral itself, while McDonald will be co-ordinating his correspondents from the studio and commenting on the coverage as it passes through London and then out to Althorp, the Spencer family home in

Calling off this week's referendum campaign was inevitable but disastrous, says **Magnus Linklater**

**A**re a hundred hours enough in which to determine the fate of a nation? The decision to abandon all public debate on the Scottish referendum until after Diana's funeral means there will now be just four days to revive a campaign which was lacklustre at best when it came to an abrupt and tragic end last Saturday night. To restart it in the aftermath of an emotional funeral, then hope that it will galvanise and inform the electorate by Thursday of next week, is to expect a miracle.

The most depressing outcome would be a low turnout — the worst result for both sides. We have been told to expect "frantic" activity in the time available, but is this really the best atmosphere in which to conduct such a vital and complex debate? There is still widespread ignorance about the proposals on offer — one recent survey showed alarming gaps in the public's knowledge of the basic issues, with a substantial number apparently convinced that the vote has already taken place. At the very least, democracy requires a well-informed electorate.

The sensible thing would have been to postpone the referendum, but that option was rejected early on by the Scottish Office, for reasons which I find unconvincing. The White Paper, it is said, has been around since July 24, therefore most people have had a chance to get to grips with

# Scotland, devolution and the Diana factor

its content. A promise was made to hold the referendum in the autumn, and that undertaking must be honoured. And to postpone it would require the reconvening of both Houses, since the date was set down by Act of Parliament, and new primary legislation would be needed to change it. But that could have been done. The Clerk of the House of Commons was standing by this week, and his estimate was that if a swift decision had been taken, Parliament could have been reconvened by Wednesday or Thursday. No great quorum of members is required to do it, and the whole proceedings could have been completed in a day.

The overriding consideration must surely be to convey the implications of this constitutional change — the biggest restructuring of the United Kingdom since 1707 — to the Scottish electorate, and to ensure that they understand the potential drawbacks as well as the benefits. That task has

been barely half-achieved. Leaflets and brochures — videos even — can never take the place of a full-scale and detailed campaign, and that campaign has been broken-backed.

Diana's death could not have struck at a more delicate stage. The Yes camp was just beginning to recover from a dismal start in which it had *simply lost* the first ten days. Dogged by allegations about smear and vote-rigging in Labour's Paisley heartland, it had failed to elevate its message above the level of the press release, and the front pages of the Scottish newspapers had seemed relentlessly to convey the message that this was the shape of politics to come.

Although Paisley, with all its damaging implications, began to recede as an issue at the point when Tommy Graham, the MP at the centre of the allegations, announced that he intended to stay silent until after the referendum, the Yes campaign received a further blow when

the financial voice of Scotland made itself heard. Sir Bruce Patullo, the Governor of the Bank of Scotland, announced that Labour's tax proposals would drive business away and threaten the country's economic prosperity. Scottish businessmen have long been suspicious of, if not hostile towards, the notion of a Scottish Parliament, but this was by far the sternest warning they had issued.

A mountain, therefore, remains to be climbed from Sunday onwards. There is, however, a gleam of hope for the Yes campaign, and oddly, that lies in the personality of the late Princess Diana. She enjoyed great popularity in Scotland, as movingly demonstrated by the blanket of flowers in Glasgow's George Square and on the gates of Holyroodhouse. Her disaffection with the Royal Family was seen as a gesture of independence which won warm approval in Scotland hearts. Scotland is not a republican nation but it does tend to equate the monarchy with the Establishment — that is, the Union. A wave of sympathy for the dead Princess could well translate into a feeling that the referendum offers Scotland its opportunity to move away from the iron grip of an institution which has outlived its purpose.

That may be just a straw in the wind, but those who favour a convincing vote for devolution in Scotland on September 11 now need all the help they can get.

# Why do the young mourn her?

**Despite the media's nationalisation of grief, Diana meant most to her own unhappy generation**

**H**ow to mourn a princess? I gazed at the newspapers piled on my desk this week and wondered how much more I could take: the same pictures for the umpteenth time; the same stories told; the same clips ceaselessly on radio and television. Was body so exploited in life now to be exploited in death like that of a medieval saint? The wax effigies at Stuart funerals or the extravagant rituals of the Victorians descended into bathos. How quickly does public mourning cease to be the collective expression of private emotion, and become mere showbusiness?

Throughout Sunday the BBC cleared all but one of its radio and television channels for what amounted to a day-long obituary on Diana, Princess of Wales. I am told that nobody in the history of broadcasting had hitherto merited this accolade. At the time and for a while I thought this censorship appropriate. When the famous die young we are shocked as well as saddened. Some dislocation of our lives is respectful. Thus events were cancelled, Government meetings stopped, newspapers turned into magazines.

Many to whom I have spoken, and thousands who telephoned the BBC, found the response excessive. They felt they were being corralled by the media into a certain sort of grief. Many were distressed to be denied music for much of the day on Radio 3, music which most people find consoling and which Classic FM did offer. Those who control the conduits of state sadness can easily become heady on the project. They nationalise grief and make it totalitarian. In doing so they risk diluting it.

Yet the public reaction to Diana's death now being shown on the streets of London is extraordinary. I noticed that the crowds outside Buckingham and St James's Palaces yesterday were mostly of young people. These were not queues of pious, middle-aged royalists. Those most moved by her death appear to be partly those whose causes she befriended. Others form a wider, indeed worldwide, constituency, summed up by an East London girl who said simply, "She was always trying to get across to people like us." Diana managed to break through the caparace of fame. A rare talent in a public figure, she



Outside Buckingham Palace, a man prays: the Princess spoke for the emotionally dispossessed

could both give sympathy and receive it in return. Only in her death are we made aware of this.

The key to the reaction we have witnessed this week lies not in her patronage of particular causes. Their beneficiaries will rightly testify to her generosity. But such patronage by the rich and famous is easily despised and, as some charities found last year, easily withdrawn. Diana's appeal lay — and clearly still lies — in the role model that her brief life offered to a certain sort of young person. It is this appeal that makes the scale and form of her commemoration so hard to judge.

When she emerged from late puberty and married the Prince of Wales, she was a cardboard cutout princess. The early Diana was adored by the conventional and by a small circle of West London society. There was glamour but no heart-warming personality. The bond with a new public was forged from the wreckage of her marriage. It was the antithesis of the image projected by royal publicists. Diana was suddenly transformed into the paradigm unhappy woman of today. Her illnesses, her turbulent emotions, her infidelities, her fascination with publicity, fame, health and shopping struck a chord with people from all walks of life — men as well as women. She

won no sympathy as the object of every girlish fantasy. She won it by acting out every girlish worry. Here was the most beautiful and successful person, allegedly in the whole world, crippled by male cruelty and rendered as vulnerable as the ugliest.

The more reckless Diana became with her happiness, the more she acquired the aura of patron saint. She tore at her scar tissue. She bared her torso at her scar tissue. She bared her

want a hug".

Even those who found Diana an ambiguous personality recognised her ability to project across the barrier that has long surrounded British public figures. She seemed (ironically for a Spencer) not of the Establishment. When her marriage ended, I think many "royalists" felt she has crossed a pale and was gone. To them she was a spoilt rich girl who had broken the rules. She became a constitutional outcast.

Yet Diana contrived to parlay her emotional turmoil — in *Panorama* interviews and on yachts moored of St Tropez — without ever losing her dignity. These were not regular performances. They were the self-exposure of a modern woman with panache and a unique access to publicity. For the daughter an earl, the wife of a prince and the lover of a playboy, this was no mean achievement. Royal charities normally come to order. Diana's charity was the sorriest of the emotionally dispossessed.

A book out later this month by the psychologist Oliver James, *Britain on the Couch* (Century), analyses precisely the syndrome of which this woman was so potent an icon. "Why are we unhappier than we were in the 1950s," he asks, "despite being richer?" Surveys now show clinical depression as ten times higher

among people born after 1945 than among those born before 1914. A generation that is the most comfortable in history is also the most depressed. Women under 35 are especially at risk. Modern life, says James, seems less and less able to meet our expectations. "It makes us feel like losers," he writes, "even if we are winners."

On this evidence, the new anguish of middle-class Britain (and Europe and America) is a realisation that conventional "success" is worse than being no road to happiness. It can so depress the serotonin levels in the brain as to be a direct path to misery. As James ranges from one case history to another, we are left with a bleak conclusion. The 1960s were right. The fragmenting of communities, the pressure of free-market employment, the incentive to short-term material gratification have indeed led to loneliness and depression. The more we expect of prosperity, the less it seems able to deliver.

**I**n reaction millions now turn restlessly from one therapy to another, from drugs to analysis to violent exercise, even to witchcraft. Diana became patron of many of these therapies. The young seek role models not among the contended but among those before whom the world has dangled every pleasure and yet snatched it away: the much-married actress, the self-abusing rock star, the Duchess of York and the queen of them all, Diana, Princess of Wales. People seem to take comfort in watching the famous find life as hard as they do themselves. Diana was news when happy. She was bigger news when unhappy. The word used time and again by those queuing at St James's yesterday was that she represented "comfort".

How can a nation collectively mourn an icon of such personal and often conflicting emotions? The Government was right to encourage a public rather than a private funeral. Diana was surely the most public of modern Britons, to her occasional delight but final tragedy. Yet she had no part in the rituals of royalty. Her coffin surely has no place on a gun carriage or with military escort, as proposed, nor passing along such pompous avenues of nationhood as the Horse Guards, Whitehall and Parliament Square. Surely a longer and less ritualistic route could have been chosen.

But perhaps those who wish to commemorate this brief, extraordinary life will do so in the privacy of personal comparison. They will treasure what happiness they possess in reflecting on how little she enjoyed. She was Tennyson's "inner born within the cage/ That never saw the summer woods". Memory is always the best memorial.

feelings to the cameras and enraged the respectable. I can count dozens of women who cheered her on. Hers was the classic cult of psychological transference. She was a spokeswoman for those with impossible husbands, worried about their appearance, wrestling with divorce, careers, children, trying to match impossible expectations. And all the while she was searching for love and security. She could get away with a speech in which she pleaded for those who "just

be pouring forth unassisted. Foulkes, who once bounced out of a party given in the House of Commons by the Scotch Whisky Association straight into the arms of the local constabulary, is keeping his alcohol intake to a minimum as he performs his official business.

Steve McDonagh, director of Adams' publishers, Mount Eagle, says only that it is a "very atmospheric" ten-line poem in blank verse, to do with America. He was sufficiently impressed that he would now consider publishing a book of McGuinness poems if enough exist. McGuinness's poem sounds a little more interesting than Adams's book, which consists of the weekly columns on the peace process that he has been writing for New York's *Irish Voice* newspaper since 1993.

ate the world's best wine fractured his family and alienated many who were close to him. Four years ago his son, Hugh, a useful vintner, bought out his father and began to produce award-winning whites under the label Rystone Wines.

Now Hugh has decided to dispense with the Bergerac albatross and sell up his father's beloved but ill-fated property for £2 million, forcing Nick Ryman out of the

three-storey chateau he has called home for the past 25 years. He says the decision to move on was a purely economical, not emotional, one.

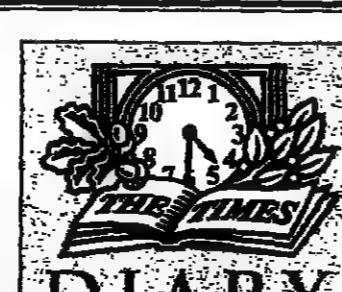
• **Salvaged from Marlene Dietrich's former New York pied-à-terre and soon to be auctioned at Sotheby's in Los Angeles is a letter from George Bernard Shaw instructing the actress how to address a cable to him. "Socialist London", he wrote, "would be enough to ensure its safe delivery".**

## Minor league

EVIDENCE of the plummeting profile of the former Prime Minister, John Major, comes with the autumn edition of *Aspen Magazine*, published in Colorado. Advertising a business seminar in Denver in October, the magazine prints photographs of the six main speakers, including the American football coach Lou Holtz and the author Zig Ziglar.

Examination of the small print reveals that "also featuring" among the speakers will be the Rt Hon John Major.

## State voices



Northamptonshire.

Dimbleby's father, Richard Dimbleby, was the postwar voice of grand national moments including the 1953 Coronation. David's first major event was the wedding of the then Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson, though his anchor role at general election time has given him plenty of experience of the big occasion.

### Well versed

MARTIN MCGUINNESS, Sinn Féin's chief negotiator, hard man and MP for Mid-Ulster, is about to show the world his softer side. The man recently described by one of his political foes as the IRA's "godfather of godfathers" will shortly

### Corked

AFTER 25 years tilling the fields of their extensive French vineyards, the Ryman family, stationery barons, are packing up their vats and moving on.

They are selling their estate and



Poet McGuinness



Chosen: Dimbleby



Chosen: McDonald



## AWAITING ALBRIGHT

But only Clinton can influence the Middle East peace process

Five weeks after the suicide attack in a Jerusalem market, Israel and the Palestinian Authority continue to conduct their particular and peculiar dialogue. Tough talking on a regular basis from Binyamin Netanyahu and Yassir Arafat serves to disguise several small steps towards enhanced co-operation. Israel's decision to issue over 4,000 entry permits to Palestinian workers constitutes a timely easing of the economic measures it imposed in the immediate aftermath of the blasts.

Although he would hardly concede it, Mr Netanyahu's political gesture was doubtless influenced by the impending initial visit of Madeleine Albright to the region. Some seven months have past since the Secretary of State was confirmed in office and her absence from an area so integral to American foreign policy has been the subject of much critical comment. This alone would have prompted her presence but the renewed terrorist threat has ensured it. She would note in her defence that Dennis Ross, special co-ordinator for the peace process, has been a permanent fixture in Middle Eastern politics. He has certainly made heroic efforts but the time has come for more senior figures to take centre stage. Mrs Albright will now become a frequent participant in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

However, the arrival of Mrs Albright does not represent a breakthrough in itself nor does it advance the prospects of a lasting settlement. Her predecessors, James Baker and Warren Christopher in this decade, and Henry Kissinger, Cyrus Vance, and George Schultz before that, spent hundreds of trips and thousands of hours between them in the drive to advance peace in the Middle East. Such endeavours produced real progress and the outlines of the present peace process but also intense frustration. It is only the curious nature of her past absence that adds any novelty or special importance to the part Mrs Albright will play next week.

## OUT OF THE OCEAN

A symbolic shift but not a costless one

Britain, cast so long as the dirty man of Europe, has decided to come clean. At a meeting in Brussels it plans to abandon reservations about the dumping of toxic wastes at sea, and accept new, tougher targets for radioactive discharges. By the year 2020, according to Michael Meacher, the Minister for the Environment, chemicals reaching the sea from industry and agriculture should be down to background levels, while the so-called endocrine disruptors — chemicals suspected of mimicking the behaviour of human hormones — should be close to zero. These are tough targets, which previous governments have been reluctant to commit themselves.

Whether such high standards are strictly necessary is harder to assess. In the shallow North Sea, surrounded by developed nations who all add their share of pollution to the common pot, there is growing evidence that pollution is having an impact. The broader Atlantic Ocean shows rather fewer signs of damage. Against the benefit the seas will gain from reduced discharges must be set the risk that the wastes will pose an equal or greater hazard to human health when disposed of ashore. In the case of abandoned oil rigs, the equation is very finely balanced, and the expectation remains that some 30 or so of the bigger platforms, or those that are damaged, will indeed be dumped at sea. The fact that the UK Offshore Operators Association accepts this with apparent equanimity means that it represents less of a shift than Mr Meacher would like us to believe.

In environmental policy, it is in any case increasingly difficult to make a distinction between real and perceived risks. If the public has been convinced that pollution is

damaging the seas, and wants something done about it, then it is difficult to advance the argument that the damage is largely in the mind. The perceived pollution may not be a confirmed scientific fact, but it is a political fact and it is a government's task either to change the perception or to act upon it. Mrs Thatcher tried in vain to change perceptions, and Mr Major followed suit, but in a half-hearted way that stood little chance of success. Mr Meacher is making himself clear; if the rest of Northern Europe thinks there is a problem, Britain will no longer be the odd man out by denying it.

In reality, Britain has never been the greatest sinner, even if the rhetoric made it all too easy to cast it in that role. Nuclear discharges apart, our contribution to pollution of the sea proportionate to GNP, is on a par with others, we have impressive monitoring systems and a reliable enforcement regime in place to ensure that standards do not slip. Not the least of the advantages of Mr Meacher's stand is that it will no longer be possible for other countries, notably Germany, to escape their obligations by pointing the finger at "dirty Britain".

Can the targets be achieved? There must be serious doubt, unless there is a revolution in farming, that agricultural run-off can truly be reduced to background levels. As for endocrine disruptors, the science remains as yet too sketchy even to be sure that any damage is being done, never mind identify the true culprits. Literally hundreds of chemicals could be involved, or none at all. Precipitate action here could easily cost billions of pounds, with no certainty of any benefit. The Government may find that fact no easier than disposing of toxic waste.

## ROCKET MAN

Amateur efforts assist space exploration

Rocketry was not always the multi-million enterprise that it has become. When Robert Goddard launched the first liquid-powered rocket in 1926 he did so with minimal support, and was derided for his pains by those few who did not entirely ignore him. True, his rocket rose a mere 40 feet in the air before falling back to earth, but Goddard had proved the principle that later took men to the Moon. By then, rocketry was out of the hands of the amateurs and into those of huge organisations, with giant contractors feeding off them. Only the state, and then only the superstate, could apparently afford the entry fee for travel into space.

Today rocketry is being reinvented by groups of enthusiastic amateurs in Britain, the US, and around the world. One of them, Steve Bennett, was last month forced to call off the launch of his latest rocket when high winds at the Otterburn Range in Northumberland made a launch too hazardous. Now he plans to travel to Kiruna, in northern Sweden, to a rocket range from which many small sounding rockets have been launched. Given fairer winds within the Arctic Circle, Mr Bennett hopes that his new rocket, Lex, will climb 15 miles into the atmosphere.

He is not alone. The Aspire rocket has been developed by a group of young British engineers frustrated by the lack of ambition in official British space efforts. In the US there is a small army of rocket enthusiasts who like nothing better than to get together and swap yarns while watching each other

light the blue touch paper. Common to these efforts is the belief that space need not be a hugely expensive enterprise, open only to the military or to governments. Mr Bennett's latest rocket, ten times more powerful than his last, has cost £50,000. It is perfectly possible to imagine the first amateur satellite reaching space within the next five years, from one of these groups, at a cost of a few million pounds. Such small sums would barely pay Nasa's photocopying bills.

Even if the amateur rocketeers ultimately fall short, their efforts have helped inspire a rethink among the big battalions. The Mars Pathfinder mission, the first to benefit from a new Nasa policy of quick, cheap missions following rapidly on one another, has been a huge success. Private companies in the US are developing launchers, while another team has picked up where Star Wars left off, and turned expertise from that programme to advantage by launching a cheap satellite, Clementine, into Moon orbit. In Europe, ESA is heading in the same direction, with its own mission, Mars Express, which would also be completed at greater speed and at a smaller cost than previous efforts.

So while it may be tempting to laugh at Mr Bennett, it would be a mistake. His efforts and those of other enthusiasts could help popularise anew the exploration of space, as well as making it affordable. They deserve support — though not too much, lest they become as bloated as the space bureaucracies they are attempting to subvert.

## Royal Family at Sunday worship

From Lady Osborne

Sir, I was struck by a link between three of your key articles today. Dr Thomas Stuttaford tells us of the need to express our feelings. William Rees-Mogg discusses the ability of Diana, Princess of Wales, to communicate and her mission to humanise and modernise the Royal Family; and then you describe the morning service at Craigh...

On a day when the entire nation came to a halt and talked of nothing else, someone took the decision that the visiting minister should carry on with his prepared sermon, illustrated with Billy Connolly jokes and including thoughts on the unsettling experience of moving house (report, "No mention of accident as Princes join Church service").

This is why all who care about Britain and the monarchy worshipped Diana and needed her.

Yours sincerely,  
FELICITY OSBORNE,  
67 Lansdowne Road, WI.  
September 1.

From Mrs Gaynor Sandell

Sir, Did the two young Princes really sit through a sermon about "moving house" punctuated with "Billy Connolly jokes" just a few hours after they had been told their mother had been killed?

And did the Queen really smile and wave to the crowd as she was driven to church?

Yours faithfully,  
GAYNOR SANDELL,  
Summerfields, Stock Pound Lane,  
Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.  
September 2.

From Mr Rupen Mullik

Sir, The Royal Family and the Establishment must take note from the depth and breadth of the late Princess's immense popularity that, in order to command respect and love from ordinary people, they must touch the hearts of their subjects in the same way as she did. The so-called stiff upper lip is a thing of the Victorian era which has little value in a modern society. It is good to show your feelings at times of such immense loss and grief.

I watched with utter disbelief as members of the Royal Family (including Princes William and Harry) went to church on Sunday morning as normal whilst the Princess's body lay in a Paris hospital. Like any other bereaved father, Mohamed Al Fayed flew straight to Paris immediately he was informed of his son's tragic death.

I suppose that was the difference in attitude which the Princess was trying to bridge and hence her separation from the Royal Family.

Yours faithfully,  
R. MULLICK,  
4 Gregory Close,  
Lower Earley, Reading, Berkshire.

From Mr A. H. Perry

Sir, Your report today states that, in spite of the appalling news, "the Royal Family went to morning service as usual". I would say that going to church was completely the right thing to do.

Yours etc,  
ANTHONY PERRY,  
95 St Mary Graces, EC.

September 1.

Unitarian beliefs

From the Deputy General Secretary of British Unitarians

Sir, Nineteenth-century Unitarians would certainly not have been preaching damnation in Wales, the Midlands, or any other part of Britain, as suggested in your article, "Godly nation took comfort from faith" (Victorian Britain, August 22).

Unitarians have promoted the love of God as well as the oneness of God from our earliest days. Modern expressions would also include the dignity and inherent worth of all people. In both the 19th and early 20th century Unitarians could be heard preaching abolition of the slave trade, promotion of women's rights and the use of calm reason in religion. Social causes now accepted as valid by almost everyone were championed by Unitarians (and others) in the face of frightful persecution because our theology stressed the positive side of personal responsibility and community values rather than the negative view of both humanity and God.

It is Calvinism which insisted that spiritual renewal had to be preceded by emotional self-denigration, and Unitarians wanted nothing to do with the emotional manipulation common in this approach.

One part of Wales is still known as the Black Spot, named by Calvinists who made no significant headway there in the 19th century because of Unitarian influences.

Yours faithfully,

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### Tragedy's lessons for a lasting good

From Mr Peter A. Rushforth

Sir, So much grief, and so many flowers laid in memory. But if only the money spent on flowers, which will quickly fade, had been given to a lasting charity in memory of the Princess, so much good could have been done.

Yours faithfully,  
PETER A. RUSHFORTH,  
36 Sutton Drive,  
Cullingworth,  
Bradford, West Yorkshire.  
September 2.

From Mr Michael Donley

Sir, Those editors who point the finger of blame at the newspaper-buying public and its prurience are putting themselves in the same company as drug dealers, who similarly claim that they are simply giving their customers what they want:

We are all aware that the flesh is weak, but it is surely the job of responsible members of society — among whom editors and journalists ought to count themselves — not to play on this weakness.

Yours faithfully,  
MICHAEL DONLEY,  
72d Woodstock Road,  
Wimborne, Dorset.  
September 1.

From Mr A. G. Gordon

Sir, Surely this year's drink-driving campaign could not be more straightforward: one obvious photograph with one simple statement.

Yours faithfully,  
B. JOYCE,  
White Horse View,  
Horn Lane, Broad Town, Wiltshire.  
September 2.

From Mr Rodney J. Craft

Sir, The Princess should surely have been afforded a motorcycle escort of French policemen, not one of buzzing paparazzi.

Yours faithfully,  
RODNEY J. CRAFT,  
127 Queens Road,  
Buckhurst Hill, Essex.  
September 1.

From Mr Brian Joyce

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Yours faithfully,  
DONALD REEVES  
(Rector),  
St James's Church,  
107 Piccadilly, WI.  
September 1.

From Mr Anthony Wethered

Sir, I was privileged to serve as a churchwarden both here and in the United States, where the Protestant Episcopal Church is a part of the Anglican Communion. It happened that in both parishes I was involved in the selection of a new incumbent, and the difference in attitude in the two cases was marked.

In the American case nominations were sought from the entire congregation, after which, by a process of visiting, interviewing and gradual elimination, we appointed an excellent new rector, the bishop having given him his blessing.

Here, too, we found an excellent replacement, but only after some disagreement with the bishop, who had his own candidate and was "not pleased" (we were told) that we did not fall in with his choice.

Had the proposed new measure been in force at the time I suppose I would have been given the sack. Let us hope devoutly that Parliament throws it out, for that is certainly what it deserves.

Yours faithfully,  
ANTHONY WETHERED,  
Remnant, West Street,  
Marlow, Buckinghamshire.  
August 29.

Hospice care

From Ms Natalie Lynch

Sir, Simon Jenkins's compelling feature on Jeffrey Bernard (August 30) highlights the one thing we all want — to die with dignity. Hospices have said it for years: let us die as we choose, and in comfort.

In a hospice you can die with grace and be spoiled in your last days doing things your way. If you want ice-cream at midnight or a take-away you can have it. Equally, some people about to die of AIDS at the Lighthouse ask for a party, and get it.

The NHS is for treatment, not for the dying. Let's increase the funding for hospices and homecarers so that we can be valued, be ourselves, have a drink or whatever indulgence or consolation we want. Then maybe it will be the norm to have joy and peacefulness at the end.

Yours truly,  
NATALIE LYNCH,  
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202 The Avenue, Kennington, Oxford.  
September 1.

Business class?

From Mr Malcolm Stephens

Sir, I hope it is not too long before airlines not only offer segregated zones for smokers, but also the same kind of protection against those who spend the entire flight tip-tapping into laptop computers.

Yours faithfully,  
MALCOLM STEPHENS  
(Secretary-General),  
International Union of Credit and  
Investment Insurers,  
25 Old Queen Street, SW1.  
September 1.

No TV

From Mr Andy Cole

Sir, The parents of the 16-year-old boy with 12 stars A levels say they have no television in the house, but that they "once considered hiring one to watch Wimbledon" (report, August 22, earlier editions).

I am certain they will be deluged with offers of a loan set from people who can think of no better fortnight to be without it.

Yours faithfully,  
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August 22.



## OBITUARIES



Lance Barnard, AO, former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, died on August 6 aged 78. He was born in Launceston, Tasmania, on May 1, 1919.

The argument that the policies and actions of Tony Blair's Labour Government owe much to the example of the Australian Labor Party can be supported by a comparison of Blair's debut in office, with its rush of initiatives, to the first startling days of the reforming Whitlam Government in Canberra in 1972. Gough Whitlam was the dazzling, towering leader; Lance Barnard was head shorter, unflamboyant, his loyal, quiet, hardworking and dependable deputy.

That first Labor Government for 23 years brought in a string of instant reforms, beginning with the promised but controversial freeing of conscientious objectors imprisoned during the Vietnam War. Within three days of the election on December 2, Whitlam and Barnard, along with the Governor-General, had formed Australia's smallest executive council, with Whitlam explaining that the impetus must be maintained but that no

Cabinet could be formed until almost the Christmas-New Year political recess. Whitlam took 13 portfolios. Barnard took the remaining 14, but drew only the salary he had been paid as deputy leader of the Opposition.

In a fortnight from December 5, Whitlam and Barnard — "the duumvirate", as bitter Opposition Members dubbed them — promised independence to Papua New Guinea, gave diplomatic recognition to Communist China, ended National Service, promised to ratify international conventions on nuclear arms and racism, barred visits by racially selected sports teams, and formally abandoned the White Australia policy. Aborigines were promised special schools, and the leasing of mineral lands on Northern Territory aboriginal reserves was blocked. The Arbitration Commission was empowered to reopen the claim for equal pay for women; British titles were abolished; sales tax on contraceptives was lifted; spending on education, the arts and culture was to be massively increased.

The nation was startled, but mostly impressed. The academic Russell Ward commented in his *History of Australia 1901-*

1975: "It is safe to say that few Australians had previously realised how much governments can do by regulation without parliamentary discussion, and that it was thoroughly characteristic of the new Prime Minister thus to act decisively and immediately in the centre of the stage."

The Labor Party caucus met on December 18 to elect the 27-strong Ministry: Barnard was named Minister for Defence and continued as Deputy Prime Minister until 1974. He oversaw the biggest reorganisation of Australian defence in peacetime, and renegotiated the agreement on American bases, gaining for Australia more control of how they were operated. Labor was returned to power on May 18, 1974, but the party was torn by conflicting policies and personalities in those changing years, and Barnard saw Whitlam fail to support him when he was successfully challenged for the Deputy Leader's post by the new star of the Left, Dr Jim Cairns.

A hearing problem was becoming more of a handicap to Barnard in his work, and Canberra's unhelpful climate blighted his general health. He agreed with Whitlam that it was time for him to go.

Whitlam sounded out his interest in

becoming Governor-General, but Barnard felt the post would be largely ceremonial and unchallenging. Sir John Kerr's legal background made him first choice; he accepted the offer, and a year later the Governor-General's role and power were to shake Australia to the core, when Kerr sacked his old Labor colleague Whitlam.

Barnard later mused: "If I had accepted, the course of history would have been completely changed. I would have taken the advice of Gough Whitlam" (to form Labor in office, leaving it to face the Opposition-dominated Senate, whose refusal to pass finance legislation led to the controversy and the dismissal).

Barnard left politics to become Ambassador to Norway, Finland and Sweden. A post he held until 1978. His House of Representatives seat was lost to the Liberals with a big swing, adding to the Government's sense of decline.

Barnard three times rejected knighthoods offered by the Fraser Liberal Government — a display of principle perhaps not properly appreciated by former colleagues, who felt that he had looked after his own interests by getting out of politics as Labor's fortunes ebbed.

He did, however, accept appointment as an Officer of Australia's home-grown order, the Order of Australia, in 1979.

Barnard was director of the Office of Australian War Graves from 1981 to 1983, and returned to local government in 1986 as an Alderman of the City of Launceston.

Educated at Launceston Technical College, Lance Herbert Barnard joined the Australian Imperial Forces in 1940 and saw service in the Western Desert as an artillery officer with the 28th Field Regiment of the 9th Division, twice being wounded at El Alamein, and sustaining permanent hearing damage.

He trained as a carpenter and became a trades teacher before winning the federal seat of Bass from the Liberals in 1954. His father, Claude, had held the seat from 1934 to 1949 and had served as Repatriation Minister.

Unpretentious in private life, Lance Barnard enjoyed swimming and bowls. He was ill last year, but had made a recovery. He died suddenly in Melbourne when seeking attention for a heart condition. He was twice married, and leaves a wife, Jill, one son and two daughters, a third daughter having predeceased him.

## LANCE BARNARD

## SOTIRIA BELLOU

Sotiria Bellou, Greek folksinger, died on August 27 aged 75. She was born on August 29, 1921.

HALF A century ago, when Sotiria Bellou broke into the world of Greece's *rembetika*, the solemn yet cynical bouzouki music of hashish dens and turbulent personal relationships, she defied classification. Until then, those women allowed to sing in this male preserve had played the role of high-pitched, dollish and rather disreputable stage fixtures, with the air and attire of pre-war gun-molls. Bellou abolished that stereotype and became for Greece what Edith Piaf was to France, a leader of the counterculture whose unpretentiousness brought out the essence of a national style.

Born into a prosperous provincial family on the island of Euboea, Bellou horrified her relations by her early affinity with the music that was emerging from the neither regions of the port of Piraeus. The city's population had recently been swollen by floods of refugees from Asia Minor, who brought with them the tinkling, rough-hewn, Levantine dances dominated by the plaintive, stringed bouzouki, which were later to blossom into a national industry. But between the wars, the *rembetika*, a mafia-like subculture of working-class men with a distinctive music, were anathema to decent middle-

class and provincial Greeks. In an attempt to steer Sotiria away from her unhealthy interests in this music, the family married her off at 18. The marriage was brief and disastrous, and at 19 years old, guitar in hand, she made her way to Athens, determined on a singing career. It was not the best of times, since the Nazis

nighclub in the working-class district of Kaisariani. Shunning any kind of flamboyance, she became consciously manly, favouring men's jackets and cheap pullovers and trousers, for her appearances. She was careless with the money she made, spending a great deal on gambling and — the gossips said — female companions. But bouzouki aficionados revered her as the *Archontissa*, the nearest thing to "Queen" that a republican vocabulary can allow.

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had just occupied the country, and Athenians were dying of starvation in the streets. Bellou responded by becoming politically active, joining the ranks of the Communist resistance movement, which later fought the British as they helped the Greek Government to fight off an attempted Communist coup.

Through the 1950s and 1960s her fame grew. A dedicated coterie regularly packed the Hrama, her

nighclub in the working-class district of Kaisariani. Shunning any kind of flamboyance, she became consciously manly, favouring men's jackets and cheap pullovers and trousers, for her appearances. She was careless with the money she made, spending a great deal on gambling and — the gossips said — female companions. But bouzouki aficionados revered her as the *Archontissa*, the nearest thing to "Queen" that a republican vocabulary can allow.

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Peter Dews, stage and television producer, died from a heart attack on August 25 aged 67. He was born on September 26, 1929.

PETER DEWS was a talented and versatile producer who spent six successful years as artistic director of Birmingham Repertory Theatre and three in the same role at Chichester. He may be best remembered, however, for *An Age of Kings*, the innovative serialisation of Shakespeare's history plays which he made for BBC Television in 1960. It was a hugely ambitious undertaking, presenting all the histories, from *Richard II* through the *Henry* to *Richard III*, in fortnightly episodes over a period of 30 weeks. With a cast that included Robert Hardy, Sean Connery and Eileen Atkins, it set new standards for television drama. In the process, it attracted some five million regular viewers and showed convincingly that serious programming need not preclude popular success.

Peter Dews was the son of a railway clerk. Born in Wakefield, he was educated at the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School there before going up to University College, Oxford, where, by his own admission, he did no work. He took a third in history and, on going down, spent a year as a schoolmaster in Barnsley. He might have made an effective

teacher, and he retained a certain schoolmasterly quality all his life, but he had wanted to be an actor from the age of four, and he soon seized the chance to start work at Bradford's Civic Playhouse, where he acted a great deal and directed Sartre's *Crime Passionnel* in 1952. He then joined the BBC in Birmingham as a radio producer, in which capacity he directed some 300 plays in the space of only four years. When television came to the region he began to direct for it too, and in 1957 he was invited to do *Henry V* for a London BBC television series called *World Theatre*. On the strength of that production he was asked to tackle the sequence of history plays which won him a Guild of Television Producers award for the best production of 1960. The success of *An Age of Kings* owed much to the boldness with which Dews and his director Michael Hayes set about turning the theatre into television, exploiting the strengths and limitations of the medium with extraordinary freedom and vigour. Studio settings were more realistic than the stage would allow, and the plays were cleverly cut and rearranged to fit the episodic format of a gripping television series.

In 1962 Dews directed a stage version of the same sequence for the Oxford University Dramatic Society, when the undergraduate actors included Michael York. In 1963 he applied the same approach — rather less happily — to a television version of Shakespeare's Roman plays, under the title *The Spread of the Eagle*.

Leaving the BBC in 1963, he went on to enjoy a varied and flourishing career in the theatre. He directed *Twelfth Night*, *Hamlet* and *Henry VI* at the Ravinia Festival in Chicago, and Brecht's *Galileo* in Edinburgh, before taking up the post of artistic director at Birmingham Repertory Theatre. He remained at Birmingham for six years, helping to subsidise the theatre himself from what he was able to earn elsewhere; several of his productions — notable among them Peter Luke's *Hadrian VII*, with Alec McCowen in the title role — transferred to the West End and Broadway.

Historical subjects were what interested Dews most, even in contemporary drama, and they brought him his greatest success, *Hadrian VII*, which did wonders for his reputation as a stage director, and did his finances no harm either. He followed it in 1970 with the premiere of Robert Bolt's *Vivat! Vivat Regina!* at Chichester in the role of Elizabeth I. This, too, was later seen in the West End and on Broadway.

Broadway was also to be the final destination of another play with a royal subject,

## PETER DEWS



Peter Dews as a radio drama producer with the BBC Midland Region in 1955



A scene from Dews's production of *Hadrian VII*, which transferred from Birmingham to the Mermaid in London

*Crown Matrimonial*, an indifferent but popular West End treatment of the Abdication, with Peter Barkworth as Edward VIII.

Dews had a particular fondness for directing on the open stage at Chichester, and he worked there regularly during the decade that preceded his appointment as artistic director of the Festival Theatre for three years from 1978. Among his Chichester credits were *Antony and Cleopatra*, *Julius Caesar*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *The Importance of Being Earnest* and Christopher Fry's *A Sleep of Prisoners*, staged in Chichester Cathedral.

In the course of his career Dews also directed plays in Canada, Israel, Hong Kong and South Africa, though his services were never engaged — as they should have been — by Britain's major subsidised companies.

An ebullient, larger than life figure who never lost his strong Yorkshire accent, Dews was an amusing companion, and an inspiring, impassioned director. He was greatly liked and admired by the actors with whom he worked, not least for his willingness to step into any role that fell suddenly vacant in the course of a run. Merciful in his regard for the text, he described himself as having a "grammar schoolmasterly approach". He wanted the cast to understand what they are saying, not to stand round looking pretty and moaning".

Peter Dews, who had suffered a number of heart attacks in his last twenty years, is survived by his wife Ann, whom he married in 1960.

and to watch those who were suspected of being such. The Patriots beheld, without uneasiness, powers which produced by fermentation, nigh to end with it, and dissolve again to the sovereignty of the People.

The moment, however, it is perceived that these Commissioners, prolonging their dictatorial authority, usurp the rights of the Commons, dissolve and create Administrations, which they (the Commons) alone have a right to renew and dissolve; divide among themselves places which they alone ought to fill: suspend Magistrates nominated and beloved by the people; and, in a word, exercise authorities which no circumstances can justify, then good Citizens begin to open their eyes; they plainly see that they ought not to commit their twice-gained Liberty to Intrigues, and that they ought not to raise upon the ruins of Royal and Patriotic Despotism, a harder and more hateful Despotism.

Such are M. Brissot's observations, and there is no better authority, for he is one of the leaders of the faction.

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# Male order resistance

**M**agazines for men are a sales success, but advertisers still find it hard to reach them as consumers, says Simon Brooke

**A**lthough men represent half the population, advertisers still find male consumers a difficult group to target both in the placement and the content of ads.

**Arena**, the first non-specialist, non-top shelf men's magazine, was launched just over 10 years ago, offering a glossy mixture of fashion and lifestyle features, but until then, says Dylan Jones, Arena Group Editor, advertising to men was "a Bermuda triangle in which you couldn't find men to advertise to because you didn't know what they read". Since then the market has grown rapidly, with **FHM** notching up a year on year increase in circulation of 178 per cent which now reaches half a million.

However, magazines aimed at men represent less than a seventh of the female market in circulation terms. And a study commissioned by *The Times* revealed that most young ABC1 men value their newspaper above any magazine.

And, despite the sales success of lads' mags, they present difficulties, says Mr Jones. "**Loaded** and **Viz** give everyone a carte blanche to do whatever they wanted. The problem is that they are often bought by kids who don't spend £500 on an Armani suit. Ads for beer or funny T-shirts may be OK, but luxury brands such as cars and travel don't work in this kind of mag."

"Lads' mags are fun because when you laugh at them you do it ironically and put quotation marks around everything. But if you're spending £15,000 on an ad for a Cerruti suit you don't want something opposite mocking it."

Other premium product manufacturers are also considering withdrawing their



Lads' mags increasingly attract readers, but advertisers find difficulties about using them

advertising from lads' mags because of their editorial content. Stephen Gilbert, marketing director for Chanel, which already refuses to advertise in **Loaded**, is considering pulling out of **FHM**. "These titles are driven by sex and the lowest common denominator. We are judged by the company we keep and will be looking for alternative ways of reaching our target audience, without putting our image at risk."

Calvin Klein is also reviewing its advertising strategy. "Calvin Klein wouldn't want to be seen next to a page of breasts," says the company's buyer, Jenny Parker.

Many fear that the appointment of former **Loaded** editor, James Brown, to editor of **GQ** will bring this glossy monthly further downmarket as well.

In addition to finding the right arena in which to advertise products, advertisers have

also had difficulties in finding the kind of adverts that make men spend. Historically, says Paul Buckley, a consumer psychologist at the Bristol Business School, selling to men meant selling to their wives or girlfriends. "The only way to advertise directly to them was to put condom adverts in car magazines, for example. Men are more likely to be influenced by point-of-sale advertising."

However, the recent success of campaigns for American-made Dockers trousers demonstrates the huge potential for marketers who can effectively tap into the male psyche. Three out of four US men between 25 and 55 now own a pair of Dockers, and since their launch in Europe last year, sales are up 135 per cent.

In the pan-European advert, a good-looking guy in his early twenties is seen ironing while all around him Americans indulge in crazy, supposedly labour-saving devices. Our hero looks on in resigned amusement and continues to iron, at which point we notice that it is his sandwiches which are being pressed. Dockers don't need ironing, see?

Bruce Crouch, creative director at Dockers' agency, Bartle Bogle Hegarty, suggests that its success was based on his refusal to use a traditional male model. "We didn't want a square-jawed Gillette type. Of course he has to be good-looking — there's got to be an element of aspiration — but he must be attainable."

**R**esearch from Davies Riley-Smith Macay shows that men relate more to this kind of advertising. "They dislike being presented with ideal faces and bodies that they can never live up to," says spokesperson Lucy Bannister. "While female consumers are happy to look at a beautiful woman in an advertisement, men find beautiful men annoying or embarrassing because they feel they cannot compete."

Evidence of a wider interest in what makes a man tick comes with the launch of the world's first course in Men and Masculinity at Hobart and William Smith colleges in New York State. Students will examine how men's experiences of living and working within society differ from those of women.

By studying films and modern and classic literature, students will be taught about male behaviour and society's attitudes towards men. Whether such courses will give magazine editors and marketing departments a greater insight into the male psyche, remains to be seen.

## The Client's Story



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**WHAT'S THE PLOT?** It shows a conversation between a man and his wife. He wants to drive, she won't let him. At the end, he is driving but he's only sitting behind the wheel, while the car is on the ferry.

**AT WHOM IS IT AIMED?** Male 35-44-year-olds married with two or more kids, who earn over £30,000.

**IS IT DIFFICULT FINDING IDEAS THAT WORK FOR DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES?** Europe is getting increasingly similar. It depends on the product.

**AREN'T MEN GETTING FED UP ALWAYS BEING PORTRAYED AS WIMPS?** Obviously we

researched it. Men buying people carriers are very confident. They don't feel threatened. They are proud of their families. They probably find this scenario familiar and amusing.

**WHAT ABOUT THE WOMEN?** The ad is not portraying a power struggle. Women see it as part of a close family relationship.

**WOULD YOU LET YOUR WIFE TELL YOU NOT TO DRIVE?** I'm not married, but I'm sure that if my girlfriend said I couldn't drive, I'd be pretty similar to the guy in the ad.

**WHAT'S THE BEST AD YOU'VE BOUGHT?** The **Frontiera**. From a creative point of view.

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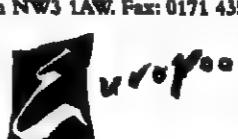
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## NEWS

**Paparazzi on manslaughter charges**

■ Six photographers and a motorcycle courier who allegedly chased Diana, Princess of Wales, and Dodi Fayed to their deaths in Paris are to face manslaughter charges.

The public has responded to a trend, started by the tennis players Andre Agassi and Greg Rusedski at the US Open, of wearing black ribbons, and Britain is being invited to observe a minute's silence as Saturday's funeral at Westminster Abbey draws to a close shortly before noon. Page 1

**Funeral organisers face difficulties**

■ A debate over whether Elton John should be invited to sing at the funeral has underlined the difficulty of meeting the demands of both a royal event and public expectations. Page 2

**Tourists turned away from Abbey**

■ Westminster Abbey resembled a film set as it closed its doors until Tuesday to late summer tourists. Page 3

**Memorial fund 'may lead to squabbles'**

■ Leading charities gave a warning that the official memorial fund being established in the name of the Princess may lead to "undignified petty squabbling" and "bickering". Page 4

**Florists struggle to meet demand**

■ Florists have brought in extra staff to cope with the demand, especially in Kensington and near Buckingham Palace, for floral tributes. Page 5

**Labour shakeup**

Labour is taking the first steps towards replacing its old guard of councillors with younger Blairite professionals after scandals such as those in Paisley, Liverpool and Monklands. Page 6

**Drug 'executions'**

Three drug dealers were executed by gunmen who lured them to their deaths in an Essex lane with the promise of a large cocaine consignment, an Old Bailey jury was told. Page 7

**New model**

Land Rover unveiled its 4x4 Freelander, the company's smallest model which is aimed at a younger, GTI generation. It will range in price from £15,000-£20,000. Page 9

**Dryer tragedy**

A father told how his son Jordan Hutchinson, three, suffocated to death after climbing into a tumble dryer and getting stuck inside. Page 11

**England hopeful to miss Wembley**

■ Rio Ferdinand, the 18-year-old West Ham defender, is out of the England squad for the World Cup qualifying match against Moldova at Wembley next Wednesday — after his selection celebration on Saturday turned sour. Ferdinand was stopped for drink-driving on Sunday, and yesterday's conviction led Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, to drop him. Page 1



A trade union delegation, led by John Monks, the TUC general secretary, visited Downing Street yesterday for talks with Tony Blair. With Mr Monks, centre, are, from left, Bill Morris, John Edmonds, Roger Lyons and Tony Dubbins. Report: Page 6

## BUSINESS

**Maples**: The British chain of furniture shops, which has been trading for more than 150 years, has gone into receivership, threatening about 340 jobs. Page 25

**New look**: The Corporation of London — the local government body in the City — is preparing for the biggest shake-up in more than a century. Page 25

**Hotel merger**: Doubletree Corp and the Promus Hotel Corp are to merge, creating the third largest American hotel group behind Holiday Inn and Marriott. Page 25

**Markets**: The FTSE 100 rose 82.0 points to close at 4952.2. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 102.1 to 101.8 after a fall from \$1.6125 to \$1.5938 but a rise from DM2.9206 to DM2.9213. Page 28

**Clare Short**: International Development Secretary, made a tacit apology to Montserrat, agreeing to visit the island within two months to oversee a long-term development plan. Page 14

**Montserrat apology**

The president of the National Baptist Convention, the largest black church in America, has survived an attempt to impeach him for adultery and the embezzlement of church funds. Page 13

**Landmine hitch**

America said it would sign a treaty banning anti-personnel landmines only if its special Korean interests were accepted by the countries negotiating a global convention. Page 15

**Geoffrey Palmer**

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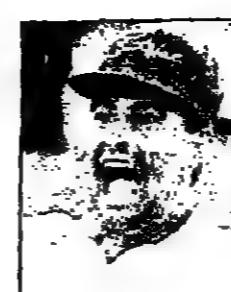
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**W**hen the newly installed Chancellor of the Exchequer attended the Lord Mayor's banquet in Brown tie, he conveyed a message that even the most blinkered dignitaries of the City Corporation could not ignore. They could no longer continue behaving as if Lloyd's was still a coffee house and the most that any citizen could strive for was the right to graze sheep in the Square Mile.

Well, bless their buckled shoes, the Lord Mayor and his cohorts have pulled up their silk stockings and come up with a plan for change. Their proposal to extend the franchise to most businesses operating in the City is an obvious improvement on the current system, which has created a series of pocket boroughs in the gift of a few professional partnerships.

Now the idea is to give votes to the banks, brokers and assorted support services that crowd into the City. Quite how firms might decide on the way their allocated weighting of votes will be cast should occasion interesting debate. The effect could certainly be to add to the excitement of the City hustings, where the normal cut and thrust of electioneering is rarely seen, generally being considered rather bad form.

But will the bosses of Merrill Lynch, Deutsche Morgan Grenfell and Nomura feel impelled to involve themselves in the government of the City? The Corporation's powers are limited, and certainly do not match the pomp

## Pushing out the City boundaries



### COMMENTARY by our City Editor

and circumstance with which its big wigs still surround themselves. With the business of setting the rates no longer in its power, the Corporation's main functions are those of planning, coaching and public relations.

The Lord Mayor of London, whose misleading title fails to indicate the narrowness of his domain, is regularly sent abroad to drum up business for the Square Mile. But if London is to continue to flourish as a financial centre, the boundaries of the Square Mile, and the City Corporation, are as outdated as the fancy costumes of its functionaries and undemocratic practices of its preferences.

The finance houses which are so crucial to the success of London now venture westwards beyond the Aldwych and eastwards into Docklands. The City is no longer defined by its history. As the Government proceeds with its plans to recreate a single authority for London, logic would say that the City Corporation should be disbanded into it.

But Tony Blair has indicated his reluctance to be responsible for abolishing the antiquated institution, requiring only that the City should make some gesture towards modernising.

Extending the franchise would be that gesture. But change should not stop there. The arcane procedures by which aldermen and sheriffs are selected and then move upwards to eventually ascend into the Lord Mayor's coach need to be examined.

If chaps want to dress in fancy costumes and indulge in private ceremonies, that is their own affair, but such antics have no place in the local government of a modern financial centre.

#### Returned hunters pot a few bears

**N**ew York's return from Labor Day, which traditionally marks the re-appearance of serious money on Wall Street, has at least started auspiciously.

There is so far no hint that turmoil in Asian tiger markets will somehow infect the world's biggest stock exchange. It would

be surprising if they did. The Western financial establishment's failure to take these economies seriously partly explains the excess of boom and bust. It also explains why speculators and panicked mutual funds have scarcely been able to distinguish one Asian market from another.

Thai shares have been in headlong retreat over the past 12 months. They have lost more than half their market value, even though prices have recovered since the IMF deal in July.

Malaysian shares fell off a cliff but that was back in February, not as a result of the recent regional currency crisis. Prices have fallen almost continuously for six months, sagging about 40 per cent from the peak but 30 per cent over 12 months.

In Hong Kong, by far the biggest mainland Eastern stock market, the picture is again different. A political bull market has charged ahead, fuelled both

by relief and by the territory's proud new parent. Prices plunged 18 per cent in the last three weeks of August, until Tuesday's late 2.3 per cent rally. Over twelve months, the Hang Seng index still shows an average gain of more than a fifth.

If any Eastern market could trigger Wall Street it would be Hong Kong, surely because both seemed to have pushed ratings too far and to be in need of a correction. Hong Kong's may be smaller than most because the new administration has the sense and experience to give market forces their due in asset markets, instead of following Peking's instinct to intervene.

In New York, investors are suffering from vertigo but the fears are domestic: higher interest rates or, more likely on recent evidence, a sharp slowdown in profit growth.

London, continental Europe and even Tokyo are still taking their lead from New York rather

than the other way round. Hence the bear squeeze in Paris and other bourses such as Brussels where one trader cynically blamed "panic hedging".

Given that volatility is likely to continue for months, many investors will try to hedge their bets, lots of traders will get it wrong and not a few of both groups will be prone to panic.

#### Casino on the cards for Tesco?

**F**rench planning authorities have taken an even more hostile attitude towards out-of-town development than their British counterparts. Their clampdown on planning permissions is the driving force behind the £3 billion takeover bid currently livening up the food retail scene in France. Although Casino yesterday firmly rebuffed its rival Promodes, analysts do not expect this to be the end of the tale.

French grocers ogre the margins enjoyed in Britain and feel distinctly hard done by. They need to grow market share to survive, and if they cannot try to do that by physically expanding, they must do it by amalgamation. Already Auchan and Docks de France have joined forces, and Casino may have to accept that its days of independence are limited.

Its fate is of more than passing interest to Tesco. In spite of the relatively inhospitable market, Tesco has established an expensive base in France, buying the Carteau chain. Although the team from Cheshunt have improved the business, they failed to generate sales growth in the stores last year. "Difficult conditions" was how the company described its experience there.

Now the company is finding other overseas ventures more exciting, particularly in eastern Europe. Although Carteau is not a disaster, the issue for Tesco must be whether to pull out or really make a serious move. The Tesco slide rule has certainly run over Casino in the past.

#### United affront

**I**magine the conversation as bantling Sir Des Pitcher, determined to hang on at United Utilities, tells Derek Wanless, embattled chief executive of NatWest, just how he feels about the way NatWest Markets told the UK board that there needed to be changes at the top. Impudent words may well have been used. But Sir Des should not have been too nasty. After all, he may soon be grateful for his seat on the NatWest board.

## Salvesen issues warning after a poor harvest

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

A POOR summer harvest and the strength of the pound will hit profits at Christian Salvesen, the company said yesterday as it unveiled the final details of its Aggreko demerger plans.

Shares in the distribution and foods company fell 6p to 276p after it revealed the strong pound would knock about £2 million off profits across the group, although it emphasised this was purely a translation impact.

The company added that the wet early summer weather had hit the pea harvest especially hard resulting in a 40

per cent decline in volumes in its food services business.

But Christian Salvesen expressed confidence that it had overcome the controversy that has dogged its demerger plan since it was announced last autumn.

Shares in Aggreko, its power

systems subsidiary, will be issued on a one-for-one basis with the demerged company expected to be valued at about £390 million. Aggreko will assume £81 million of the group's debt.

The company confirmed that no new equity was being raised by either arm of the business. Jonathan Fry, chair-

man, said the demerger of Aggreko marked the "successful culmination" of a seven-year rationalisation of the business. "We are confident that the prospects for both Christian Salvesen and Aggreko will be significantly enhanced by the proposed demerger."

After the demerger the rump Christian Salvesen will consist of a logistics and food services business and will end its historical links with Edinburgh by moving its headquarters to Northampton. The rump business made profits of £44.5 million on a turnover of £335 million last year.

Aggreko, which made profits of £38.4 million on turnover of £167 million last year, will be based in Glasgow. The company said Aggreko was making good progress, although sterling would have an adverse effect on the translation of overseas profits.

Mr Fry will become non-executive chairman of Christian Salvesen. Christopher Masters, currently chief executive of Salvesen, is to be executive chairman of Aggreko.

The company will hold an extraordinary meeting on September 26 to approve details of the demerger, and trading is expected to commence on September 29.

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## IMI says strong pound is no blip

BY OLIVER AUGUST

IMI, the building materials to drinks dispenser group, has forecast that the strong pound is here to stay. "The rise in sterling is not just a temporary blip," Nick Paul, deputy chief executive, said.

Currency movements cut IMI's interim profits by £10 million. The group predicted that the reduction will have doubled at the end of the financial year.

In accordance with its assessment that exchange-

rate changes are unlikely to be reversed, the group has drawn a list of measures to combat newly arising transaction and translation costs.

Some production sites will be moved and new sources will be sought for materials for IMI products. The group is also stepping up an efficiency drive. About 150 UK jobs will be lost in the second half.

Mr Paul said: "What was a marginal decision before will now definitely go ahead. We are not whingeing about currencies, we are dealing with the changes."

Gary Allen, chief executive, is to seek further bolt-on acquisitions to complete the global expansion strategy.

In the half year to June 30, pre-tax profits before exceptionalities rose to £70 million, from £67 million. Including exceptionalities, the figure is £70 million, against £138 million, and earnings per share fell from 31.1p to 14.4p. The interim dividend, due on October 13, rises from 5p to 5.4p.

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Harry Sheridan, finance director, said the estimate had been conservative. "Things

have worked out just a little bit better in all regions."

CRH bought Ticon, the US crushed-stone and concrete company, from BTR last September for \$30 million (£20.5 million). Mr Sheridan said CRH was well on the way to its target of saving \$10 million a year by integrating Ticon into its US operations.

Mr Sheridan was bullish about Poland, where CRH is looking for a significantly bigger presence.

The interim dividend of 13.45p is a 12 per cent rise on a year ago. Earnings fell 5 per cent to 13.2p a share because of an increase in issued shares and a higher tax charge.

## CRH rise exceeds City expectations

BY ADAM JONES

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## Serco profits ahead at halfway stage

SERCO, the business support services group, raised pre-tax profits to £10.6 million from £8.05 million in the six months to June 30 on turnover that rose to £24.4 million from £18.8 million.

Earnings improved to 13.5p a share from 8.6p out of which the interim dividend rises to 2p a share from 1.7p.

George Gray, the chairman, said the group has continued to develop its business in the defence and other public and private sector markets.

In the UK Serco and its partners now have three PFI projects under way and the company is the preferred bidder on five others. Serco shares rose 41.5p to 785.5p, a record high.

## "Strong organic growth..."

Summary interim results for six months to 30 June 1997

	Turnover	£140.7m	£116.6m	21%
	Operating profit	£14.6m	£12.2m	30%
	Profit before tax	£25.3m	£11.3m	33%
	Profit after tax	£9.5m	£7.1m	34%
	Earnings per share	14.9p	11.4p	31%
	Interim dividend	3.6p	2.0p	80%

*Results as on 20 November 1997 to all shareholders on the register as at 30 October 1997. Ex dividend date is 21 October 1997.*

#### Highlights

- Pre-tax profits up 33% (56%) to £15.1 million
- 21% (39%) growth in Group turnover virtually all organic
- Operating margin up from 9.6% to 10.4%
- Germany returns to profit even before Orga-Team contribution
- Further substantial turnover and profit growth in The Netherlands
- Continuing growth in market share in the UK
- Staff numbers up 20% from year end to 4202 at end of June

*On the outlook for the remainder of the year, CMG Chairman Cox Stutterheim said,*

*"The Group's performance since the end of June continues to be very satisfactory and our main markets remain buoyant. Notwithstanding the tight recruitment market, we anticipate that the second half year, traditionally CMG's better half, will enable us to produce a further strong set of results for the full year."*

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## Thistle shares tumble

BY DOMINIC WALSH

SHARES in Thistle Hotels, the UK's second-biggest hotelier, fell more than 12 per cent yesterday in the wake of weak interim results and amid City fears over future trading.

It unveiled a 58 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £8.1 million in the 28 weeks to July 13, against forecasts closer to £40 million. Operating profit, adjusted for property write-downs, rose 9 per cent to £55 million and turnover was up 10 per cent to £160.2 million.

An interim dividend of 14p will be paid on November 21.

London rooms more expensive, but said it was too early to assess the impact.

Turnover in London, which accounts for two thirds of group profits, rose a below-average 12.1 per cent to £90.4 million, while in Scotland the advance was just 4.9 per cent.

In move to concentrate on the four-star Thistle brand, the company is to offload 15 seasonal hotels that cater for the coach holiday market.

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**R**obert Peel has developed a fearsome reputation for attention to detail in his 20 years at the helm of Thistle Hotels. His ability to digest the myriad reports and figures that cross his desk every day is legendary, and it is not unknown for him to tick off managers for ordering too many toothpicks.

But yesterday he gave the impression of a man ill at ease as he sought to explain a set of first-half figures that failed to match City expectations so comprehensively that more than 12 per cent was wiped off the company's market value. This from a company whose share price was already lagging substantially its 170p flotation price of almost a year ago.

Mr Peel spoke bravely of adopting a more conservative approach so that in future City expectations would be more likely to be surpassed than disappointed. But analysts left his presentation shaking their heads. One said: "I have to say that Robert ... was quite dreadful. The reasons he outlined to justify the first-half figures led one to believe the second half would be a hell of a lot better. But when it came to prospects for the rest of the year he said growth would only be slightly better. That simply isn't good enough."

The hotel sector has been feeling unloved this year, with the

## Investors remain nervous of booking into hotel stocks



Thistle, which runs the Royal Horseguards hotel, upset City

as Thistle to help to break the malaise. "Reactions to results like this won't do the sector any good at all."

But he was adamant that fears that there might be a levelling off of growth next year had been unfounded. "I think the economy is reasonably well set to carry on and I don't believe the market has hit the top. Occupancy growth

has slowed down somewhat, but you're going to see continuing room rate growth."

This was echoed by Jonathan Langston, joint managing director of BDO Hospitality Consulting, which produces an annual report on the UK hotel industry. "In our survey, occupancy was virtually at capacity, with London full six days out seven. So with capacity relatively con-

strained that is likely to translate into continued growth in average rates." He said the lack of interest in hotel stocks could be attributed only to City fears of a downturn, concerns not borne out by his company's research.

Some commentators have cited the proliferation of budget hotels such as Forte Travelodge and Whitbread's Travel Inn as a negative factor for three-star operators such as Jarvis Hotels and Regal Hotel Group, which reports interim results today. Stuart May, chief executive of Pannell Kerr Forster Associates, the hotel and leisure consultancy, said: "There is some concern over the competitive pressures on the midmarket hotel groups from the budget sector and that it could, over time, impact on provincial hotels." Bruce Jones, leisure analyst at Merrill Lynch, agreed that profits growth, albeit at a slightly slower pace, would continue through next year and he believed many investors had probably sold out of the sector too early. "Investors who had seen good increases began to get twitchy," he said. "I'm not sure those that have got out want to get back in just yet, and those that are still in don't want any more exposure." The exceptions were more broadly based groups such as Granada and Ladbrooke, where hotels form just part of the company.

Mr Jones said much of the nervousness could be traced to the hammering taken by the sector as a result of the Gulf War, closely followed by the recession. The fact is that investors got caught at the end of the 1980s with hotel stocks and lost a lot of money. They believed there were two elements to hotel stocks and that even if profits went down the net asset value would protect them. They learnt the hard way that net asset value was simply a multiple of profits.

That nervousness is also a symptom of some of the more dubious practices to which the hotel industry has sometimes been prone. The recent jailing for eight years of Robert Field, managing director of the ill-fated Resort Hotels group, and last month's court case involving Queens Moat Houses can only heighten reluctance to invest in hotels.

DOMINIC WALSH

## Big companies change emphasis in the business of giving to charity

**F**raser Nelson sees a switch from cash donations to cause-related marketing



Pictures of schoolchildren adorning the walls in Tesco gave the feeling that every penny spent would help someone

**C**harity, it seems, now begins in the boardroom. From Camelot to British Telecom, companies are shouting louder and louder about their "community involvement".

A recent stroll through Tesco saw pictures of schoolchildren adorning the walls, the slogan "computers for schools" everywhere and the feeling that the store was some kind of charity shop — every penny you spend helps someone else.

Only yesterday, Somerfield volunteered to give every penny of profits it earns on Saturday to charities favoured by the Princess of Wales. Their staff are to be slipped an extra tenner, and encouraged to put it in the same direction.

But for all the hype, British companies are still notoriously tight-fisted when it comes to parting with hard cash. The average cash donation amounts to some 0.08 per cent of profit, with only three companies giving more than 3 per cent and no one known to give more than 10 per cent.

By law, companies must separate their charitable donations in their accounts — and the results make surprising reading. British Telecom's £15 million donation was just less than 0.5 per cent of its group profit — and on these stakes it is ranked 88th in terms of corporate generosity.

The most generous companies are frequently the least glamorous. Tarmac, the construction company, takes the

bouquet after donating £379,000 to charity — some 3.61 per cent of its profits.

Kwik Save, by virtue of last year's profits collapse, emerges as the most generous. It gave £87,000 when its profits crumbled from £126 million to £2.8 million. Anita Roddick's Body Shop is next, with a £750,000 donation at 2.37 per cent of profits, followed by United Biscuits, EMI, Cadbury and Bantals at 1.41 per cent.

The £18 million given by Glaxo Wellcome, by contrast, is just 0.61 per cent of its profits. Cadbury Schweppes' £1.04 million is 0.17 per cent of its takings, and the £690,000 given by British Aerospace ranks as 0.16 per cent.

Indeed, attempts to tweak the conscience of companies have so far generated absolutely no increase in donations. The Directory for Social

Change, which every year monitors charity donations, says that while the average donation has gone up broadly in line with inflation, companies are still finding it hard to give more than 0.5 per cent of their profits to causes more needy than themselves.

It has set up the "per cent club" — a slight misnomer

that designed a method of drawing cash from companies on the understanding that they can shout about it later. And this is given as the reason why the highest-profile givers come way down in the overall percentage of profits

league. Under cause-related marketing, a company takes up a good cause with the intention of selling more products, improving its profile and helping charities along the way.

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Adkins, from Business in the Community, said cause-related marketing was about the only chance that charities have left. "The fact is that the amount of cash going to charities is getting smaller and smaller, so they have to think of other ways to raise funds," she said. "Cadbury recently sponsored a Save the Children walkabout, and the idea behind is that people when faced with other brands will link Cadbury with good causes, having fun, and buy its chocolate."

Research shows the method is going down a treat with consumers. It says that 73 per cent of consumers will swap brands if they think that a tiny proportion of the money spent is going to charity. Some 61 per cent said they would change retail outlets — say, switch from Sainsbury to Tesco because of its computers promotion — and 86 per cent said they thought much more of a company that links its products with donations, however minuscule.

"This is not about altruism. It's about business sense, and it's about all sides winning," she said. "This is the only way it can be done nowadays. It would be ideal to receive donations, but, as charities know now, if they go to businesses with a begging bowl, there's a limit to how much they can expect."

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## Two churches

**A**N UNCOMFORTABLE conflict of interest for the chairman of the tiny Catholic Building Society, which holds the principle of mutuality as an article of faith. His name is Chris Jones. Oddly enough, the same name appears on the board of directors of the Cairngorm Demutualisation Investment Trust, launching next week with the aim of "providing investors with the opportunity to profit from future demutualisations". "You must have your wires crossed. It's probably not



### Identity crisis

**O**N AN allied note, the survey on demutualisation from HSBC Greenwell comes up with an odd parallel. In his keenness to spot the next domino to fall, Jonathan Loynes extends his argument beyond the boundaries of the temporal world — private schools, hospitals and old people's homes whose ultimate ownership is not always clear — into the realms of the spiritual. "At the very extreme, it might even be suggested that the ultimate 'mutual' organisation is the Church. But has anyone told Andrew Regan?"



Jones to Tokyo, is being dropped from its carrier bags. Truly tragic.

**SHEILA GUNN**, former political correspondent at The Times and John Major's spin doctor in the run-up to the election — he used to call her "Peter Mandelson in skirts" — has resurfaced at last. At something of a loose end this summer, she started this week as head of public affairs at Healey & Baker. A nice billet, even if Gunn herself admits she is not the world's expert on property. "I didn't know much about being a spin-doctor until two years ago." She is surprisingly keen on Mandelson, though. Still a Major loyalist, Gunn is convinced Mandy has it in him to win the next election — for the Tories.

### Own goal

AS IF further proof was needed that management consultants evolved a long way from Planet Common Sense, PA Consulting has just managed an own goal. "Recognising the key role of the leader to achieve success," the organisation has produced a pan-European survey on leadership. "Achieving Business Excellence" is actually a series of profiles of business leaders. The Germans come out best.

This must explain the enormous success German industry is currently enjoying — four million-plus unemployed, and a barely perceptible growth rate. There is plenty of nonsense about an ability to take a long-term view and to lead from the front. But one profile is missing. Where is Jon Moynihan, the forthright PA Consulting chief executive and the man credited with turning the group around and modernising its corporate structure? He quit a fortnight ago, after failing to resolve a grumbling dispute with PA's main shareholder.

MARTIN WALLER



Selfridges has brought in an agency to create a new image for the store



ANTHONY HARRIS

## A lament for targeting of money supply

**O**ne of the City's most interesting teams of analysts is fielded by Lombard Street Research. It has a high hit rate in forecasting and in originality, yet it normally exhibits schizophrenia. Tim Congdon, the former Treasury wise man who does the UK forecasts, is the last of the hard-line monetarists, an adherent of broad money targeting. Brian Reading, who does the world economy, is pretty much a new-fangled Keynesian. So subscribers normally get two quite different views of the world for the price of one.

But occasionally they agree. Congdon in his last circular deplored the fact that these days the Chancellor and the Governor never mention the money supply when they discuss policy; no surprise there. But this week Reading repeated the message: time to take notice. Their core message is simple: the fashion for targeting inflation itself, rather than the monetary causes of inflation, can only result in depression, because there is no clear link between interest rates today — the only instrument a central bank can use — and inflation rates 18 months or two years in the future.

What central banks can control is growth, especially in investment; higher rates discourage borrowing, drive up the exchange rates and squeeze profit margins. And in practice central banks that are given inflation targets actually operate growth targets they need to aim at something they can hit. If you doubt it, look at the Bank's inflation bulletins: higher rates, we read, may be needed not because inflation is too high (it isn't), but because growth is thought to be too high.

This would not matter if higher growth always meant higher inflation; but these days, it seems, it doesn't. Just look at the continuing US miracle. So a growth target means lower growth than we might otherwise enjoy. But would an old-fashioned monetary target be any better? Yes, say Congdon and Reading: monetary targeting controls monetary things, not real things; it puts limits on the

growth of money income, not real income. So if we really are in a new world of low inflation, then any given monetary target allows higher real growth than the authorities may have expected, or have thought safe.

Logically, this looks watertight, but only if you employ a little amnesia. For if monetary targeting has such wonderful qualities, why has nearly everyone abandoned it? The reason is simply that when we tried it, it didn't work. The broad money supply — cash plus bank and even building society deposits — does relate pretty well to nominal growth when times are calm. But as Margaret Thatcher discovered (and, more recently, the Bundesbank) it is awfully hard to control. Raise rates to restrain it, and it tends to grow faster than ever; deposits are more attractive, and debts are harder to repay.

**T**argeting narrow money is much easier. Central bank money, the narrowest definition of all, can be run quite directly through market intervention, and the Germans achieved stability in this way for many years. But what would it mean in these days of electronic payments and free convertibility? Not very much. So where does all this leave us? Not quite where we came in. If inflation targeting is indeed a mistake, and it is, one alternative is a different real target: the US Fed is told to target both inflation and unemployment, and seems to do much better. However, the Fed has a far from secret weapon in Alan Greenspan: it is his prestige that makes it possible to run risks, yet keep the markets purring.

The other is to adopt the kind of technical targets that markets love — but with a twist. As a Bundesbank director put it at an international conference some years ago: "What every central bank needs is a clear and consistent policy which the markets can understand; and a very skilled spokesman to explain why, at any given time, that policy is not being followed."

In one sentence: there is no substitute for judgment.

### Notice to customers

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### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price Bp	% Chg	Pt Pd
377	367	Stobart Bevco	471	-1	58 141
75	49	Brown-Forman	472	+1	42 137
102	95	Brown-Forman	472	+1	92 115
1040	982	Gossett Bros A	975	+1	17 241
424	382	Hannans	533	+1	5 121
327	327	Highland Dist	312	+1	3 34 149
329	329	Murphy's	311	+1	1 12 70
1071	1071	Woolworths	165	+1	2 27 20

### BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price Bp	% Chg	Pt Pd
1521	1519	ABN AMRO	1625	+365	25 150
971	970	Abbey Natl	845	+10	41 138
563	563	Barclays	495	+10	42 115
365	365	Bank of Ire	299	+8	35 279
1029	1029	Barclays A	975	+1	17 241
425	425	Barclays Plc	533	+1	5 121
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563	563	Barclays	495	+10	42 115
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229	229	Accor Hotel	256	+16	20 193
917	917	Aerospace Eng	256	+16	20 193
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# Gentle guru still seeking new ways to learn

With a new album out and his autobiography due soon, Ravi Shankar is one busy sitar player. Nigel Williamson reports

**T**here is an aura of serenity about Ravi Shankar that touches all who come within his orbit. When you meet him it is almost tangible, but its power works in less intimate surroundings too: in the humid and sweaty big top at July's annual WOMAD gathering his mere presence reduced several thousand boisterous, beer-swilling festivalgoers to hushed reverence before he had even played a note.

At 77 the world's greatest sitar player is frail—he has suffered two heart attacks—but he moves with an extraordinary grace and maintains a tireless schedule. His friend and musical collaborator Yehudi Menuhin once said that Shankar possessed a "genius and humanity" to rival Mozart, and for more than half a century he has been a peerless ambassador for Indian culture. As a classical purist he has given countless recitals of Indian ragas in the world's greatest concert halls. As an innovative composer he has worked with a diverse range of orchestral, jazz, folk and pop musicians. No one has done more to take the sometimes difficult structures and modes of Indian music to a wider audience.

Although there is little that he has not achieved in a performing career that began before the Second World War, his serenity remains streaked with an endearing boyish enthusiasm—about the trip he makes to Tokyo next month to receive the Praemium Imperiale, the world's biggest arts prize about the joys of performing with his 16-year-old daughter Anoushka; and about a new album, *Chants of India*, produced by the former Beatle George Harrison, which Shankar ranks among the most important of his career.

The role of the guru has always had a special importance in Indian culture, hence Shankar's pleasure over the Praemium Imperiale, awarded in recognition of his work in "encouraging the efforts of future generations of artists"—something of far more worth to him than the £90,000 prize.

"Teaching is the final goal of an Indian musician's life," he says. "It is not the same in the West. For us, talent is something that is given to you by your guru and worked at over many years. There are many who are like parrots and sing and

perform all their lives that which they have learnt. Then there are creative people who go on adding to it with new ideas and have the ability to pass it on."

Shankar has established music schools in India and America and is considered the finest teacher of his generation, but he vigorously rejects the description of himself as a master. "I am still learning," he insists. "You can never truly be a master, because music is so endlessly vast. But I have been very lucky to have had many fine students over the years."

At the head of the class stands Anoushka, a precocious sitar player who is already a veteran of the concert platform. "I had a son who

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was very good, but he died five years ago," Shankar says. "Now our hopes are with Anoushka. To find someone who is so talented and is also your own child is very special."

Then there is that other star pupil known by Anoushka simply as "Uncle George" and to the rest of the world as George Harrison. The relationship between the two men goes back to the mid-1960s, when the Beatles began flirting with the sitar on tracks such as *Norwegian Wood*. The two men have remained friends and continued to work closely over the years—Harrison also edited Shankar's forthcoming autobiography, *Raga Mala*.

"George became my student more than 30 years ago and it is a beautiful relationship—guru and disciple and friend at the same time, and father and son as well," Shankar says.

He admits to being disturbed when pop musicians began taking up the sitar, even though he taught many of them. "It bothered me a lot when I first heard *Norwegian*

**S**hankar's latest album pushes further at East-West collaboration (he objects to the label "fusion" as insufficiently organic). Using chants based on ancient Sanskrit prayers and mantras, Shankar has created a soundscape that combines classical Indian forms, a choir and Western instrumentation. "It is one of most hard-working things I ever did," he says. "I wanted to do something that would be different while not losing its Indian quality. I wanted it to be traditional but

universal. George got very excited

about it and we added vibraphone

and I used harps, violins and cellos in the background, like drones. It's very different from all of my other albums, not least because I haven't used a lot of sitar."

One review suggested Shankar

had created the Indian equivalent

of plainsong, and he is not unhappy

with the description. "Any music

can be exciting on the surface but

what stays is something else that

touches you deep inside," he says.

For Shankar music remains the

ultimate high. "It is not for every-

one. Fame and money and sex can

should come with a clean head, not

stoned on drugs, because I could

make them high with the power of

music."

● *Chants of India* is released by EMI. Ravi Shankar's autobiography *Raga Mala* will be published by Genesis this autumn

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# Coolest hotspot in town

**W**hat a way to end it all. A mere three weeks ago, the Flux Music Festival was the runt of the Edinburgh litter, full of potential but an unknown quantity. But my, how it's grown since, almost single-handedly putting knowing '90s pop music firmly in the festival spotlight. Its bold "mix and match" policy has brought some thrilling events to the Jaffa Cake, the former student union that

## POP Teenage Fanclub Flux

became literally the hottest room in town; only in the last week was the air-conditioning system discovered. From the Divine Comedy's opening collaboration with Michael Nyman, through to Acid Brass' cheeky take on club classics, there has not been a dull night.

And so to Teenage Fanclub, still cheeky chappies and still clearly fused with a lads-together mentality, though this is a gang so nerdy that you know they are never going to cause a ruck in a million years. In fact, so charming is their stage manner that, rather than a stage-diving frenzy, their demeanour is more likely to provoke a mass outbreak of cuddling between grown men.

For grown men is what Teenage Fanclub have so patiently become. Not that they lack bite, or are in any danger of becoming the new Eagles. It is just that the new Songs from Northern Britain album is the distinct sound of thirty-somethings clearly happy with their lot.

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## Almost a triumph

### CONCERT Oslo PO/Jansons Usher Hall

AT LAST, in the closing concert in the Usher Hall, a Mahler performance fit to rank alongside some of the most memorable presented there in 50 years of Edinburgh Festivals. If it could not match the greatest of them it was not because of any lack of commitment in Mariss Jansons's interpretation of the *Resurrection Symphony* or any failure by the Oslo Philharmonic or the Edinburgh Festival Chorus. Nor was it the fault of either soloist, Michele Crider and Markella Hatziano.

A rare orchestral failure in the form

of an early clarinet entry was negligible, embarrassingly exposed though it was. It was less easy to forgive the deliberate departure from the letter of the score at that most beautiful moment in the last movement where, on the soprano soloist's very quiet first entry in modest unison with the chorus, the solo line diverges from that of the choral sopranos and gently rises

calmly spring to comment in dance on the unfolding drama.

Choreography and direction is by Claudia Solti, and in one striking passage the male chorus's movements of arm and head entrance their female partners. Philomela's beauty is entrancing Tereus on the voyage bringing her to join her homesick sister Procre, a section of the play thrillingly shown in a sequence that begins with the speeding boat and then stops. Forward movement now becomes interior, as David Oylelowes debates with himself, silently, whether to obey the love god's imperative. He is tongue-tied where Philomela (a bright and spirited Kirsty Bushell) expresses the Athenian delight in speech. After the savage rape, shown with the couple not touching but held aloft by the chorus, thrusting and retreating, Bushell energises her reckless denunciation with strong, true passion.

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### THEATRE

#### The Love of the Nightingale

St. James's Theatre

SO FAR as we know, the myth of Philomela, raped by her royal brother-in-law and turned into a bird, was not dramatised by the tragedians of Ancient Greece, and what Euripides left alone Timberlake Wertenbaker a few years ago took on, creating a drama that tells of duty — a soldier's, a wife's, a husband's and, above all, a human being's duty to ask, discover and tell. Because Philomela threatened to tell Thrace and all the world of King Tereus's crime, he cut out her tongue.

The recently formed Yellow Sky Productions stage the grim, rich legend in this former church, with the audience on three sides of its wide, long floor and a dais backed by a screen at the far end. Drum-shaped plinths mark the floor's corners, onto which the four couples of the chorus (glittering masks by Andrew Logan) periodi-

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Judith Chernaik celebrates the lives of two of the most unusual women in English history



Two from the family album: left, Mary Shelley painted by Richard Rothwell in 1840; right, John Opie's 1797 portrait of the mother she never knew, Mary Wollstonecraft

Mary Godwin Shelley, the author of *Frankenstein*, was born in London 200 years ago, on August 30, 1797. Her mother, Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin, author of *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, died ten days later, aged 38, in the agony of puerperal fever.

The Wordsworth Museum in Grasmere makes an intimate if unlikely setting for an exhibition (coming to the National Portrait Gallery in London later this autumn) commemorating this double bicentenary, and celebrating the life and works of these two remarkable women. It is called *Hyenas in Petticoats*, a phrase coined by the waspish Horace Walpole to dismiss Wollstonecraft's closely reasoned exposé of "the oppressor, sovereign Man". One would hardly apply the phrase to Mary Shelley, certainly not in the long years of her respectable widowhood, when she wrote four or five potboilers, put her one surviving child through Harrow, and produced a superb edition of Shelley's poems, still in print after 150 years.

But mother and daughter gain in surprising ways from being set side by side, under the benevolent gaze of a portrait of William Godwin, anarchist philosopher, husband of Wollstonecraft, and father of the young Mary. They come vividly to

## Mary, Mary, both contrary

life in the familiar portraits: Wollstonecraft in vaguely Jacobin garb, by John Opie, smiling at a private secret, perhaps her pregnancy; Mary Shelley by Richard Rothwell, unsmiling, in fashionable Victorian décolleté.

Wollstonecraft was part of the group of writers and artists associated with the radical bookseller Joseph Johnson in the 1780s and 1790s; it was at Johnson's dinner table that she met her first love, the painter Henry Fuseli, and her future husband. They are all portrayed in the exhibition, with assorted publications. Between Fuseli and Godwin came an American adventurer Wollstonecraft met in Paris, by whom she had a daughter. Godwin published the full story of the liaison, along with Wollstonecraft's *Letters to Imray*, soon after her death.

Mary Shelley enjoyed an even more celebrated circle of poets and their paramours, and there are handsome portraits of Byron, Shelley, Leigh Hunt, Claire Clairmont, Teresa Guiccioli (Byron's last mistress), Trelawny, Polidori, and the Greek prince Mavrocordato, along with manuscripts of letters and diaries.

Both women were ardent, adventurous travellers. Here are Wollstonecraft's *Historical and Moral View of the Origin and Progress of the French Revolution*, written in Paris in 1794, as the numbers carried her Girondist friends to the guillotine; and her *Letters written during a Short Residence in Sweden, Norway and Denmark* (1796), by-product of a brave attempt to rescue the business affairs of the lover who had twice betrayed her. Mary Shelley's first

publication was *History of Six Weeks Tour*, a journal of her travels on the Continent in 1814 and 1816, written with Shelley and including his poem *Mon Blanc*; her last published work was *Rambles in Germany and Italy*, in 1840, 1842, and 1843.

The exhibition includes all the writings of these prodigiously gifted women. *Frankenstein* has never been out of print; it was adapted for the stage soon after its publication in 1818, and it continues to enthrall readers and to exercise the ingenuity of scholars. Wollstonecraft's *Rights of Woman* was widely read, reprinted, translated and vilified in its time, less so in the Victorian period; it is now firmly established as a classic text for contemporary feminism.

Given the high drama of their lives, it is tempting to see both writers as

key figures of Romanticism. But Wollstonecraft's true allegiances are to the Enlightenment: she believed above all in education as the key to social and political progress.

Mary Shelley, meanwhile, despite or perhaps because of her relation to Shelley, represents a profoundly anti-Romantic backlash. *Frankenstein*, subtitled "The New Prometheus", is a graphic demonstration of scientific hubris brought low, and its moral is essentially conservative. Her works are enjoying an astonishing revival, with the publication of novels long out of print, an expensive facsimile of the manuscript of *Frankenstein* (on open display at the Wordsworth Museum), and university English courses in which *Frankenstein* has displaced the works of Wordsworth, Coleridge, Shelley, Keats and Byron as the central text of the period. This is a development Mary Shelley — no hyena she — would most certainly have deplored.

• The exhibition is at Dove Cottage, Grasmere, Cumbria (01539 35545) until Nov 16, then at the National Portrait Gallery (071-306 0255) from Nov 28 to Feb 16. The Two Marys, a "dialogue" by Judith Chernaik, is performed by Gayle Hunnicut and Sasha Halls at the National Portrait Gallery on Sunday, Sept 14 at 1.30pm. A conference devoted to Mary Shelley is being held in Cambridge on Sept 12-14 (details, 01223 362324/362371).

## Smashed mirror images

Richard Cork is overwhelmed by Tadashi Kawamata's installations

**N**ot content with taking its premises apart in an ambitious £4 million renovation, the Serpentine Gallery in Hyde Park has now let Tadashi Kawamata loose on materials scavenged from the site. In front of the real building he has erected a strange, troubling installation of his own. Passers-by might easily mistake this melancholy structure for the shattered remains of the gallery itself, and conclude that the Serpentine had been struck by some terminal seismic catastrophe.

Kawamata's edifice is at its most substantial when viewed from the road. He has positioned several of the old glass-panelled windows in a magisterial row, supported by a carpentered surround of new and recycled wood. Combined with white columnar forms, they make an imposing frontage. But anyone intrepid enough to penetrate the facade, and wander through the rickety rooms behind, quickly realises that they amount to nothing more than a shell.

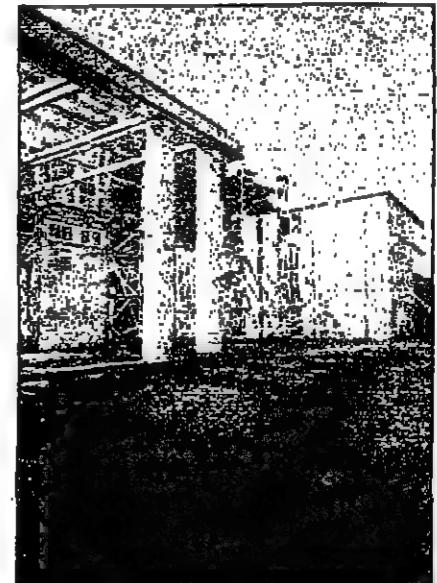
Securely nailed sections of wall and ceiling contrast with clusters of loose planks, laid across rafters and seemingly about to fall. Tall doors and windows hang surreally in space, lifted off the ground as it slopes downwards. The predominantly pale wood gives way, in places, to timber so dark that it might have been scorched by some devastating fire. Broken roof-vaults point to the sky, aspiringly yet useless.

Exploring this series of skeletal spaces, I found myself thinking about the fascination exerted by Britain's great ruined medieval abbeys. On one level, the experience offered by Fountains or Rievaulx is mournful: so much of their architectural magnificence was ruthlessly smashed. But substantial pleasure can be gained from them as well. Their sunlit harmony of stone gradually offsets the initial sense of sadness, just as the warmth of Kawamata's bristling geometry in wood militates against morbidity.

It would be a mistake to see his installation solely in British terms, though. Even since his first project in his native Japan 18 years ago, Kawamata has worked on building sites with very different characters all over the world. He constructed a wooden bridge walkway between the dazzling new Contemporary Art Museum in Barcelona and the shabbier apartments near by. He placed an apparently ramshackle shelter in a narrow Roman passage, and erected a sprawling timber structure next to a derelict smallpox hospital on Roosevelt Island, New York.

Obsessed with cycles of growth and decay, Kawamata likes to challenge the existing architectural order with subversive additions of his own. On a muddy riverbank in Houston, he built a scattering of huts from scrap material. Juxtaposed ironically with glossy skyscrapers rearing behind, the huts were reminiscent of the slum areas Kawamata had encountered elsewhere in the city.

He is not, however, an openly protesting artist. Indeed, he avoids polemical outbursts, choosing to operate more indirectly and poetically. Hence the ambiguous, hard-to-pin-down feelings generated by his Serpentine installation. In some places, it seems to celebrate the faded elegance of the old gallery, a former tea-house in Kensington Gardens. Elsewhere, though, visitors picking their way through Kawamata's broken labyrinth are stopped short by brutally boarded-up sections, devoid of grandeur. A desire to evoke the pleasures of



Building rubble is made art by Kawamata at the Serpentine Gallery

replacing the high, clean simplicity with a renegade rush of discoloured, obsolete fragments. This hunting intrusion has an almost apocalyptic impact. It assails our sensibilities immediately we enter, and implies that nothing can ever be safe from sudden, overwhelming attack.

The mood of ambivalence is intensified by Kawamata's decision to make some of his doors and windows plummet from the ceiling and, apparently, crash through the floor into the showroom below. The Carlo sculptures and Hockney paintings displayed down there look disconcerted to find their serene surroundings invaded by this cascade of unruly debris. But Kawamata ensures that these plunging shards of glass and painted timber are shaped into a surprisingly coherent, angular tower. Seen from below, they send light down in an unexpected tunnel of brightness to a lower gallery normally reliant on discreet, artificial illumination.

So the startling aggression of Kawamata's work at Anely Juda is countered, finally, by a sense of delight. However low-slung his temporary "ceiling" may be, it flies across the upper space with effortless élan. Its energy is impressive and, when penetrated by the sun, it casts a lattice-work pattern of shadows on to the gallery's walls and floor, the shadows' movement emphasising Kawamata's preoccupation with the notion of perpetual change.

• Kawamata's installations are at the Serpentine Gallery, London SW1 (071-733 9072) until Sunday, and Anely Juda, London W1 (071-629 7578) until Sept 13

## Crown jewels of an eastern kingdom

The British Museum is offering an early taste of its planned Korean gallery. John Russell Taylor reports

One of the events at the British Museum in the year 2000 is the opening of a proper, permanent gallery devoted to Korean Art, to be known as the Korea Foundation Gallery. So many things will be happening to mark the millennium, though, that it may get lost in the crush.

Perhaps with this in mind, the museum is offering a delicious foretaste with its show *Arts of Korea*, which hovers somewhere between temporary and permanent: it is to an extent a loan show, but it features many unsuspected treasures from the museum's own collection, which will go from this show directly into the new gallery in three years' time.

No doubt the most immediate attention will go to the principal loan piece, the gold royal crown from the Silla kingdom, which flourished in the 5th and 6th century AD. This civilisation was centred on Kumsong, the "City of Gold", so called in tribute to its thriving sheet gold industry, already famed throughout Asia through the trading of Arab travellers.

The crown, one of the treasures of the National Museum of Korea, is the earliest of six found in royal tombs of the era, and shows great sophistication of design as well as fulfilling all the expected gash-provoking criteria.

It looks, as one might imagine, vaguely Chinese. This in fact encapsulates the main problem of perception about Korean art. Poised between two much better-known cultures, Chinese and Japanese, the arts of Korea have in the past remained difficult for Westerners to disentangle and characterise. This exhibition and the gallery of which it is the forerunner should help to sort out any remaining confusions. Korea, it emerges, was the conduit by which Buddhism was transmitted from China to Japan, and much of the earliest Buddhist art in Japan was made by Korean artists who crossed the sea at the same time as the faith they served.

This phase is most vividly illustrated in the gold-and-silver illuminated manuscript of the Amitabha Sutra, made by the monk Ch'onggo in 1341, an elegant example of Koryo Buddhist painting which does not look quite either Chinese

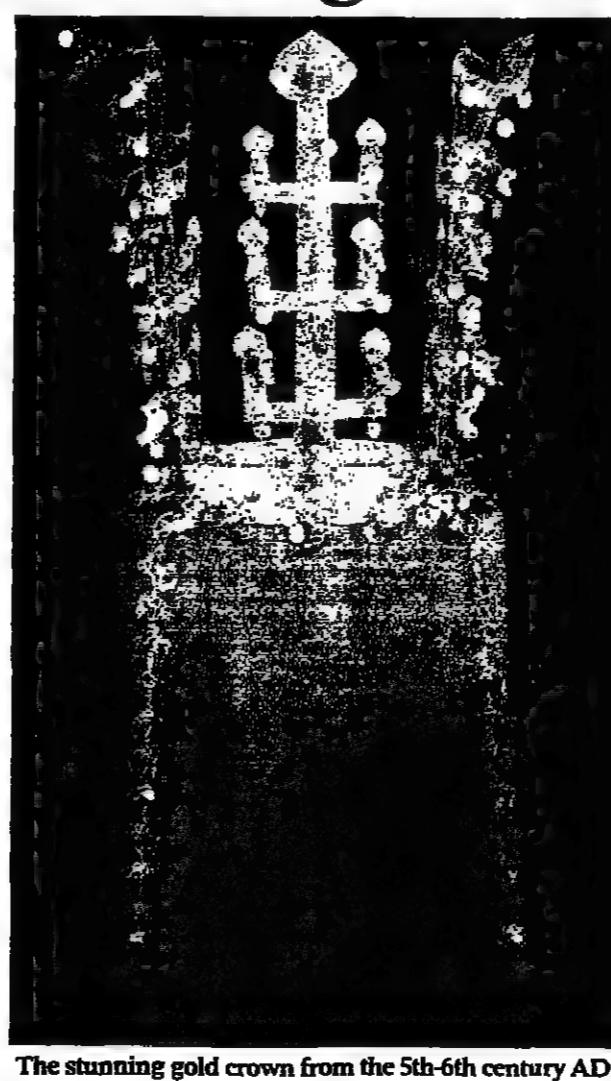
or Japanese. This is one of the very few examples in the West, as most works of this school are still in Japanese temples and museums.

The Korean ceramics of this period are notable particularly for their extreme refinement of shape, and are backed up by an astonishing array of luxury objects made for use in a court clearly civilised even to the point of decadence.

If this was in fact recognised as a danger, it was counteracted in the 15th century by the adoption of a rigorous form of Confucianism, and the consequent persecution of more libertarian Buddhism. Something of this new spirit may be gauged in the fine 18th-century portrait of a Confucian scholar, one of many official portraits which became a Korean speciality, along with the so-called "Real Place" landscapes, which reacted away from the idealisation and conventionalisation of

The exhibition may be only a foretaste, but it gives us time to get used to the special qualities of Korean art, without sating the appetite before the main course arrives on the table.

• British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1 (071-636 1555) supported by the Samsung Foundation of Culture, until 2000



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Susan MacDonald on two reports that highlight the changing technical role of secretaries and company attitudes towards them

# New skills in demand

The role of secretaries is clearly changing and expanding dramatically. It is being given a whole new dimension and this, in some cases but not all, is changing the way in which bosses view them. But what do secretaries feel about these changes? Two surveys published today, one by the Secretarial Development Network (SDN) and one by Reed Employment, give an insight into what is happening and what is needed.

An almost unanimous proportion — 98 per cent — of those questioned in the SDN survey say what most secretaries already know — that their role now needs strong technical and interpersonal skills. This overwhelming need for technical skills is borne out in the Reed Employment survey, which looks at how the role of the secretary has adapted during the 1990s.

The SDN has about 100 members, including secretaries, executive secretaries, PAs and people in personnel, human resources and line managers. All have an active interest in developing the secretarial role.

SDN's survey shows that just 50 per cent of its members believe that a secretary's role offers good development opportunities. However, 77 per cent believe that a secretary's job is changing for the better and 82 per cent think the job is becoming increasingly professional.

The Reed survey, which concentrates on technology, is based on the

questioning of 201 secretaries and finds that the project management and administration part of a secretary's job has grown over the past five years along with its technological content.

It looks at the amount of information a secretary must acquire in order to keep up with the pace of technological development and finds that senior secretaries during the 1990s have gained an in-depth knowledge of an average of four technical skill areas. Almost a third — 31 per cent — say that they invest time learning or upgrading at least three skills each year. Thirty-one per cent know how to use the Internet; 79 per cent are expert in using a spreadsheet package; 77 per cent have an in-depth understanding of presentation packages and 71 per cent can use databases.

Half have mastered desktop publishing and 62 per cent use e-mail. Some secretaries are taking on the role of information technology staff trainers as well as their other responsibilities, from instructing colleagues to helping a boss to understand the new executive laptop.

Increasingly, senior secretaries are responsible for managing entire databases and other IT projects and, logically, some are involved in the purchasing decisions for new IT systems. On the traditional — now known as the "softer" — side, 81 per cent undertake report writing, 80 per cent do shorthand, 79 per cent take minutes — and 24 per cent are

fluent in one or more foreign languages.

Notwithstanding this fine array of skills, the SDN survey finds that 58 per cent of their members say that the secretarial role is not respected by most managers and 60 per cent believe that organisations do not see that this development of the secretarial role is intrinsic to organisational success.

Sue Coulsom, a PA at ICI Chemicals & Polymers, says: "Secretaries need to take more responsibility for their own development and seize opportunities to add value to the role. The future role of a secretary is that of a multiskilled, business-oriented professional."

It would seem that some senior secretaries are already there, but as Kathryn Moir, senior personnel officer at the University of Southampton, explains: "The positioning of a secretary's role varies according to the head of department involved. It should be seen as a key role in the organisation — but that is not always the case."

James Reed, chief executive of Reed Employment Services, paints a glowing picture. "Modern secretaries are technological experts, as well as communicators and project managers," he says. "They are at the forefront of technological change and work hard to update their own skills to keep up with IT development. Increasingly, employers are recognising just how valuable this role as technological expert and trainer is, and

are beginning to reward their senior secretaries accordingly."

Freda Gardiner, SDN's chairwoman, looks at the other side of the coin. "Many organisations are risking failure in an increasingly competitive global market by not incorporating secretarial development into their development strategy or by failing to communicate their strategy to the secretarial workforce."

Her warning to executives is that managers who do not develop the secretarial role will not maximise the potential of their own role.

Giovanna Pullen, who is temping for an insurance broking firm in the City, says that secretaries have to wear a lot more hats these days. "Some of the skills we are now expected to know are beyond the scope of a strictly secretarial role and are in the area of backup support."

After many years of temping, she finds that bosses either have some degree of computer literacy or they won't even turn on their machines. "If they cannot even field their own e-mail," she says, "it puts an even heavier work load on their secretaries."

"In my present job I need Word, PowerPoint and Excel. It's interesting but also exhausting, and I still believe that an army of IT skills is not enough. A secretary cannot be turned into a robot. You still need good organisational and communication skills — and the ability to smile certainly helps."



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## RUGBY UNION

# Jenkins may be fit to tackle Bath

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NEIL JENKINS, pride of the British Isles as well as Pontypridd, could be ready to play in the first round of the Heineken Cup on Sunday. Jenkins, Wales's record points-scorer, damaged ribs playing against Cardiff on the opening day of the Welsh National League season, but his club is optimistic that he may have recovered in time for the meeting with Bath.

Pontypridd had already switched their European match to Sunday before the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. The decision by the directors of European Rugby Cup (ERC), to postpone games involving British clubs until after the funeral of the Princess on Saturday — including the meeting in Belfast between Ulster and Glasgow on Friday, which will now be played on Monday evening — means that Sunday will now become the most crowded of days.

Only Leinster's game with Toulouse, in Dublin, and the clash of Treviso and Pau, will proceed on Saturday.

More than £3.5 million will go into this third European tournament which, the sponsor argues, is certain to become the pre-eminent competition in the northern hemisphere. The teams reaching the final stand to make £115,000 during their progress and, though there will be no fundamental change to the Heineken Cup over the next two years, the European concept will be broadened before the millennium.

The tournament directors have agreed in principle that, from 1998-99, four national teams from the developing European countries should be allowed to enter the European Conference, the second-tier tournament. The following season or, if the World Cup leaves insufficient room in the

programme, in 2000-01, a meritocratic system will be introduced that, while ensuring the participation of two teams from each of the five nations, will take into account the relative strengths of teams from all competing countries.

Roger Pickering, the chief executive of ERC, said: "We all believe that the magic of this competition is that it is Pan-European." The previous two finals have been staged in Cardiff but this season, if a French club is involved, it will probably be staged in Paris; otherwise, Twickenham will host the final.

Drive, the holders, lost 32-31 away to Nice last Sunday, but launch their defence of the trophy at home against the Scottish Borders, Bourgoin, winners of the Conference last season, regroup for the eighteenth season around the formidable Marc Cecillon, who, at 38, has moved from the back row to the second row for the meeting with the 1996 finalists, Cardiff.

The Italian clubs have introduced a draft system, with Milan and Treviso including players from other clubs specifically for the Heineken Cup. Thus, Paolo Vaccari, the outstanding full back, and Massimo Bonomi move from Calvisano to Milan and Treviso are reinforced by Wim Visser, the South African lock, now with Bologna. Another famous import, David Campese, is likely to distinguish the Conference, since he is now playing at fly half for Padova, who meet Gloucester at Kingsholm.

Gloucester's four changes for that game include the return of Phil Greening, England's replacement hooker, Neil McCarthy plays instead and will be joined in the front row by Phil Vickery, while another youngster, Ed Pearce, plays at No 8.

Ruth Gledhill, in Miami, meets a young couple with the world at their feet

**D**ark-haired, Latino-looking and muscular, Paul Richardson, 25, smiles enigmatically but cannot hide some frustration as he contemplates the biggest challenge of his dance career. It is clear that any minute taken out to talk to a journalist is a minute less in training for the world professional ten-dance championships, which begin here on Friday.

For Richardson and Lorna Dawson, 26, his tall, stunning partner, every second counts. Comparatively young for professionals, they specialize in the demanding discipline of ten-dance competition. They are ballroom dancing's answer to Daley Thompson.

As they take to the floor on Friday, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) will announce in Lausanne its decision on whether ballroom dancing, or dance sport, as it prefers to be known, should become a fully-fledged Olympic sport.

Provisionally accepted two years ago, under the auspices of the International Dance Sport Federation, the world amateur body, full ratification is expected to silence critics who argue that ballroom dancing is not a sport.

Here, Richardson and Dawson are equal favourites with two, more established couples — including an American couple with home advantage.

Ten-dance demands unparalleled stamina from couples, who must train to peak fitness in all ten dances: the waltz, tango, Viennese waltz, foxtrot and quickstep in the modern discipline and cha-cha, samba, rumba, *paso doble* and jive in the Latin. Few are capable of achieving excellence across such a range.

Richardson and Dawson, who turned professional last year, are the most junior couple teaching at the Starlight studio in Streatham,



Stepping out: Richardson and Dawson demonstrate their championship pedigree

where Marcus and Karen Hilton, of Rochdale, the undefeated Tuscan national veterans in the modern discipline and themselves former ten-dance champions, also teach. Richardson and Dawson are establishing a reputation for clean lines and a strong dynamic style. Dawson teamed up with the Australian-born Richardson in 1993, going on to win the Open UK ten-dance championship for the past two years.

The world ten-dance champions, Kim and Cecile Rygel, from Norway, will not be defending their title, so Richardson and Dawson have an opportunity to re-establish Britain's former dominance in the ten-dance field.

Their Latin is supreme. And in the modern section, although they have been beaten by Britain's No 2 ten-dance couple, Mark Shulter and Jayne Brown, there could be some surprises. "We have been changing things," Richardson said.

Bobbie Irvine and her husband, Bill, who run the Starlight studio, took both the Latin and modern professional world championship in 1968, and were also professional nine-dance champions, as it was then, from 1960 to 1968. They believe Richardson and Dawson can succeed. "There is no reason why they

cannot become world champions," Bobbie said. "It is much harder than dancing in one discipline. You have to give the same dedication to both."

The Americans will be willing on their home-grown couple, Gary and Diana McDonald, but equally fancied are Alain Doucet and his wife, Anik Jolicoeur, from Canada, a powerful, athletic couple who are strong across all ten dances.

John Leach, the editor of *Dance News*, said: "It is a three-way split. Paul and Lorna are the strongest Latin couple. It will all depend on positive thinking, on who's got the most bottle."

The championship will be the climax to the United States Dance Sport Championships.

**'It will depend on positive thinking, on who's got the most bottle'**

which began yesterday and are comparable to the US Open in tennis and arguably the most prestigious world event after the British Open in Blackpool.

The championships, which are being televised, are being held amid growing speculation that ballroom dancing, if ratified by the IOC, might be found a place on the Winter Olympic programme. Although the Olympic Charter states that all sports that take place on snow or ice must take place in the Winter Olympics, it does not rule out non-ice or snow sports from the Winter games.

Most dancers believe that, even after acceptance, it could be some years before dancing finds a place in any kind of Olympic programme.

Members of the International Olympic Committee, in Finland for the World Games, an event for sports recognised by the IOC but not yet on the Olympic programme, and where ballroom dancing was included for the first time, were reported to be impressed by the quality of the dance sport competition.

## RUGBY LEAGUE

## Game aims to chart happier course

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

AFTER a summer of insight, severe defeats by Australian club sides, disappearing sponsors and financial hardship that has left several clubs on the verge of extinction, a meeting of professional club chairmen will attempt today to plot a new course for a sport in trouble.

Nothing on the agenda at Salford is more sensitive than how the game is run. Proposals by Sir Rodney Walker, the chairman of the Rugby Football League (RFL), seek to dilute the power within the present management structure of Maurice Lindsay, the RFL chief executive.

Lindsay, whose abrasive style since his appointment in 1992 has won him enemies and admirers in equal measure, supports retention of the present RFL board structure, with the addition of two non-executive directors from outside the game. Sir Rodney wants a more accountable board and an independent chairman elected by the clubs.

Sir Rodney has already said that he is considering his future in the sport. His mind could be made up if the vote goes against him. Lindsay has survived close calls before, but his name has been linked recently with a possible return to Wigan, where he was a successful chairman before his RFL appointment.

However, Lindsay is confident that the meeting can achieve unity and that an acceptable management formula can be adopted.

The Walker document has Lindsay's broad support. It seeks the allocation of places in the Super League on the basis of minimum standards; a combined first and second division competition; replacement of reserve team leagues with an under-21 competition; a "restructuring commission" for clubs who wish to merge and a unified strategy for junior rugby between the RFL and the British Amateur Rugby League Association.

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## FOOTBALL

# Referee leads call to switch over to video verdicts

By DAVID MADDOCK

IT IS a sign of the times. No longer, it seems, will the familiar refrain "you need glasses, ref" be hurled at our poor, misunderstood officials. Instead the insult could reflect the technological age by suggesting that the referee needs videotape assistance.

The FA Carling Premiership match between Bolton Wanderers and Everton on Monday evening has put the whole issue of video replay back on the football agenda. A perfectly legitimate "goal" by Gerry Taggart was not allowed because Stephen Lodge, the referee, did not witness that the ball had, in fact, crossed the line, as television replays later illustrated.

Interestingly, Lodge was yesterday at pains to admit his mistake and suggested that referees would welcome a camera placed in such a position as to offer a definitive perspective on whether the ball had crossed the line.

It is the first time that a referee has voiced such a frank opinion. And it seems that

Lodge may soon get his wish, because there are moves about within the Football Association to instigate an experiment that would allow officials to refer to video technology.

Bolton had to be content with a single point after the effort was not allowed and there was further bad news for them yesterday when it was confirmed that Robbie Elliott had suffered a double fracture of his right leg. It seems certain that the left back will now be absent for the rest of the season after playing only four games for his new club.

It is a disappointment to Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, who paid a club record of £2.6 million for Elliott only a month ago. "It is a bitter blow for us and obviously an even worse blow for the player himself," he said.

"It puts us back to square one. I had been looking for a left back for over a season and in Robbie we had found a tremendous player who solved our problem there. But now we have to go out and find another left back because he will obviously be out for some time."

There was no official comment from the FA but the talk within the corridors of power at Lancaster Gate is that the time is now right to experiment, just as cricket did with the third umpire checking video replays of contentious decisions.

## Old Firm clubs locked in battle to sign Rieper

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE intense rivalry between Rangers and Celtic has taken on a new twist with the Old Firm clubs now embroiled in a tussle to secure the signature of Marc Rieper, the West Ham United central defender. Celtic have agreed a fee of £1.8 million with the FA Carling Premiership club, but Rangers have now inquired about the Denmark international, who is out of contract at the end of the season.

Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, said: "Nothing seems to be happening with Celtic. It's not dead but it has been in the balance for some time now. But Rangers have also expressed an

interest now. They made an inquiry just a couple of days ago. I've said all along that I don't want to lose Marc. He's playing really well for us just now. But he's out of contract next summer and we have to get a fee before he walks away from us for nothing."

Wim Jansen, the Celtic coach, is keen to bolster his defence before the club's UEFA Cup tie with Liverpool, as are Rangers, who are without Alan McLaren and Lorenzo Amoruso, their £4 million Italy defender, through injury as they prepare for their UEFA Cup first-round, first-leg tie against Strasbourg on September 16.



Elliott, the Bolton Wanderers defender, is taken off on a stretcher after sustaining a broken leg against Everton

## Italy make do without Ravanelli

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

FABRIZIO RAVANELLI, the unsettled Middlesbrough forward, has been left out of the Italy squad for the World Cup group two qualifying match against Georgia next week.

Ravanelli, who had been released by Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, to report for international duty, missing two Nationwide first division games, was omitted from Cesare Maldini's 20-man party for the match in Tbilisi next Wednesday.

Internazionale will discover tomorrow how much they will have to pay for Barcelona's Brazil striker, Ronaldo.

The Italian club signed the

world player of the year in the summer, but were told that the £18 million they paid to release him from his contract in Spain did not constitute a transfer

fees. Fifa, the world governing body, will decide on the fee at a meeting in Cairo after the clubs failed to negotiate a deal.

Bo Johansson, the Denmark coach, has named seven British-based players in a squad of 18 for their World Cup group one qualifying match against Croatia in Copenhagen next week.

Peter Schmeichel, of Manchester United, is one of two goalkeepers, and Jacob Larsen, of Derby County, is included among six defenders. The midfield is dominated by FA Carling Premiership and Bolton's Scottish League players, with Per Frandsen (Bolton Wanderers), Allan Nielsen (Tottenham Hotspur), Jon Dahl Tomasson (Newcastle United) and Morten Wieghorst (Celtic) in the squad.

Brian Laudrup, the Rangers striker, has also been included.

□ Joao Havelange, the Fifa president, yesterday indicated that an African bid to stage the 2006 World Cup finals was likely to be favourably considered. Havelange, speaking at a meeting of Fifa's executive committee, said that England and Germany were bidding against each other to stage the tournament, but added: "I hope that the 2006 World Cup takes place in Africa because Africa has the means to do it."

ITALY SQUAD (in Georgia, September 10): G Pagella (Internazionale), A Peruzzi (Parma), P Maldini (AC Milan), S Ferrera (Juventus), P Melchiorri (Lazio), C Parusso (Real Madrid), S Tonini (Bologna), D Bergoglio (Parma), A Giannini (Inter), A Di Stefano, L Lamboardo (Crotone), L Zizzo (Lazio), P Castrovilli (Lazio), A Del Piero (Juventus), F Inzaghi (Inter), G Vieri (Atalanta), G Zola (Chievo).

□ John Terry, the Chelsea captain, has been suspended for the rest of the season.

□ Steve Collins confirmed yesterday that he would defend his World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight title against Joe Calzaghe, of Wales, on October 11 at Sheffield Arena. Two weeks ago, Collins walked out of a press conference called to publicise the bout, scheduled for September, saying he needed more time to prepare.

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### King toppled

Boxing: Mervyn King, who helped Norfolk to win the Middleton Cup on Saturday, was defeated on an extra end in the regional finals of the Ashbourne Homes All England mixed pairs championship at Ipswich. With Eileen Jarvis, King went down by one shot to Margaret Hopgood and John Chaney, of Romford.

### No contest

Olympic Games: Juan Antonio Samaranch should be re-elected president of the International Olympic Committee for a fourth term tomorrow if, as expected, no other candidate steps forward.

### Marshall rises

Squash: Peter Marshall, of Nottingham, is back in the world's leading 50 as he maintains his comeback from a two-year battle with chronic fatigue syndrome.

## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

On this hand I paid too much attention to the general principle that a defender should not ruff declarer's losers with trump winners.

**Dealer South** Game all Rubber bridge

♦J	W	—	♦108854
♦K82	—	—	♦KJ87
♦K4	—	—	♦AKQ3
♦72	—	—	♦Q1063

♦AKQ83	—	—	♦K5
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Contract: One Spade by South. Lead: queen of hearts.

South opened One Spade (playing five-card majors) which ran round to me (East). As I could not think of any reasonable call, I decided to pass. It should have been the winning decision as, if I bid, it is difficult for East-West to go plus.

When West led the queen of hearts my first problem was whether to ruff, if declarer had any small hearts, ruffing would mean that I was ruffing a loser with a trump trick. So, following the principle mentioned above, I discarded a club. Declarer won the king of hearts, played a spade to dummy's jack and played another heart. How should I assess the hand?

When West played low on the first round of spades, declarer is marked with an initial holding of at least AKQxx — clearly West would play his honour from any doubleton. Still hoping that, if I discarded, declarer would cash his top spades, I threw a diamond. I was hoping to restrict declarer to four tricks in spades and two in hearts. But declarer (Howard Cohen) won the king

of hearts, cashed one high spade and exited with a club. I did the best I could to stop him scoring his small trump by winning and playing a low spade. However, he gauged the position well by putting in the eight, thus making five spade tricks along with his two hearts.

If I thought he would play this way, I should have ruffed the second heart. That sacrifices a trump trick, but now I play a diamond. West wins and gives me another heart ruff. With declarer having to play the ace of hearts, that gets the trick back, as this time I am ruffing a winner with a losing trump. That defence would have restricted declarer to five spades and one heart.

□ For details of The Times Midland Private Banking National Bridge Challenge, call the organisers on 0181 942 9500.

□ Robert Sheehan writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

## KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE  
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

### Chess in China

Today I give two more samples of play from the strong tournament in Beijing where Jon Speelman represents the UK. In the first White makes a promising exchange sacrifice which ultimately backfires while in the second Black develops a strong middlegame attack which ultimately leads to a win of material.

White: Tong Yuanming

Black: Zhu Chen

Beijing, August 1997

Sicilian Defence

1 e4 c5

2 Nf3 Nc6

3 d4 cxd4

4 Nxd4 Nf6

5 Bg5 Bg7

6 0-0 Bxf6

7 d5 Ne5

8 Bxf6 Nxf6

9 Nc3 Bxf6

10 Bxf6 Bxf6

11 Nxf6+ Kxf6

12 Nc4+ Kf5

13 Nc3+ Kf4

14 Nc2+ Kf3

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RACING: BIG RACES AT EPSOM AND HAYDOCK PARK BROUGHT FORWARD TO FRIDAY

# Bookmakers open on Saturday

By CHRIS MCGRATH

THE major bookmaking chains yesterday exposed themselves to accusations of insensitivity and downright avarice after deciding to open their shops on Saturday afternoon — even though there will be no racing in Britain.

The Haydock Park Sprint Cup and the September Stakes, at Epsom, have been brought forward to Friday, but the remainder of Saturday's programme has been suspended as a mark of respect for the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales.

The Tote was quick to

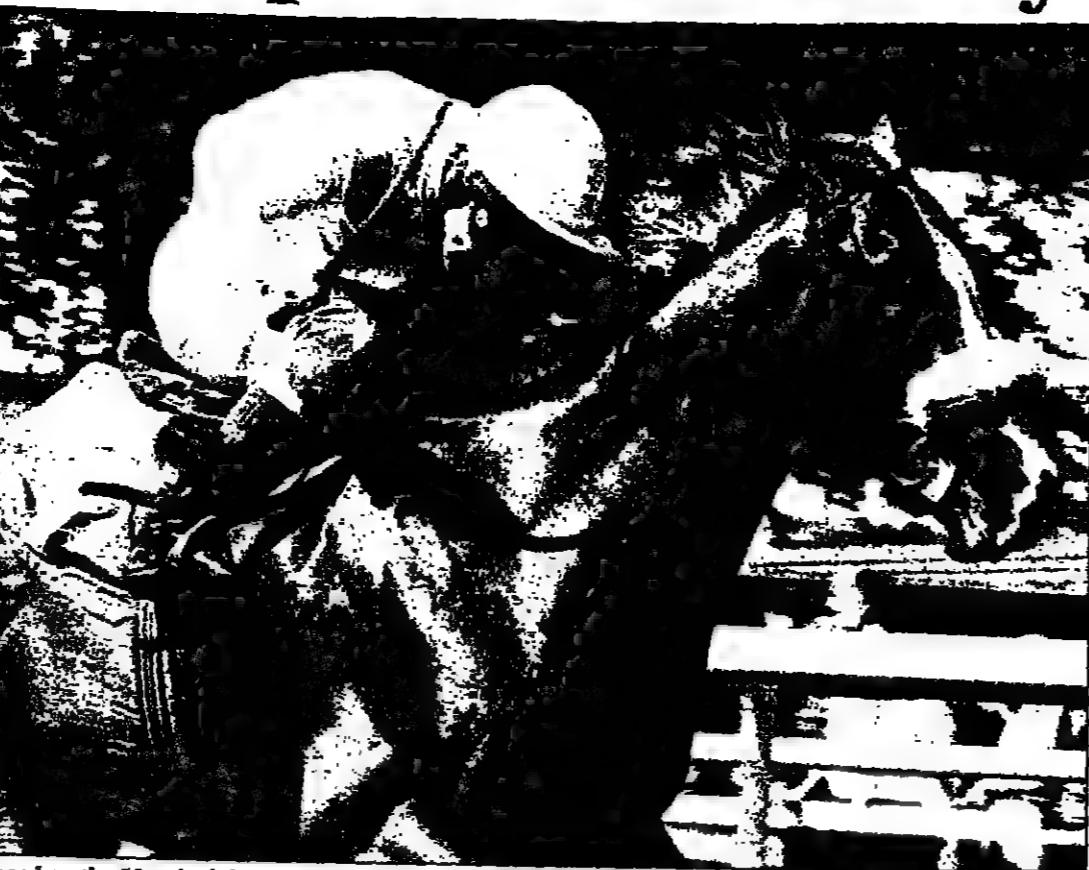
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Next best: Mithak  
(3.10 York)

announce, on Monday, that its 21 betting shops will be closed all day, but yesterday the Big Three firms — Coral, Ladbrokes and William Hill — indicated that they will be opening, in line with many high street retailers, during the afternoon.

The difference is that supermarkets will still have groceries on the shelves at 2pm; the bookmakers must build a spartan service around the meeting at Fairyhouse in Ireland. It would be easy to stray into sanctimony in condemning their decision, but the fact is that, even from a hardened commercial perspective, they have little to gain — and, in terms of morale either side of the counter, plenty to lose.

Graham Sharpe, spokesman for William Hill, denied that there was a subtext of resentment against the British Horseracing Board (BHB),



Compton Place has the Haydock Park Sprint Cup next on his agenda. Photograph: Julian Herbert / Allsport

whose decision to suspend the sport, on what is the bookmakers' most lucrative day of the week, has been privately criticised as precipitate. It would, of course, take a brave man to own up to any such perty rancour.

"There is a sporting programme this weekend, and we want to provide a service for our customers," he said. "There are a couple of dog cards and a race meeting, while on Sunday there are football matches, the NatWest cricket final, a Grand Prix — and the shops will not be open on Sunday. At the same time, we are giving everyone, in-

cluding our staff, the opportunity to do what they want in the morning."

Tristram Ricketts, the chief executive of the BHB, declined to comment on the bookmakers' surprising decision to break ranks. The previous day, the BHB had declared that it would be "inappropriate" to stage any cards on a day of national mourning.

Adding: "We are sure that the whole racing industry will share this view."

In its spirit, at least, that conviction has proved misplaced, leaving Ricketts to emphasise: "This is entirely a matter for the betting indus-

try. We took the decision we did on behalf of the racing industry, and it has been widely applauded."

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Compton Place, the surprise winner of the July Cup at Newmarket, never got into the Nunthorpe, but his trainer is optimistic that he can revive his claim to the sprinting title. "I can only think that it was a combination of the rain, and missing the break, that caused him to run badly," James Toller said.

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Late-order resistance strengthens championship challenge after Gloucestershire strike early

## Revival leaves Kent wagging their tail

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

CANTERBURY (first day of four; Kent won toss): Gloucestershire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 293 runs behind Kent

IF KENT do win the county championship for the first time since 1978, it will not be through the heavy scoring of their batsmen — only one of them averages 40 and two of their top three have not made a century. Their batting, however, has no real tail and yesterday, after twice encountering trouble in this immensely important game, they still attained potentially a winning total.

Kent, joint-leaders at the start of the day, slipped off the summit by dropping a batting bonus point. They would be well-advised not to look at it this way, though, for a score of 305 not only represents a spirited recovery from their morning predicament of 51 for three but could prove more than competitive against the inexperienced batting of third-placed Gloucestershire.

The pitch, last used in April, is of curious appearance — green in some patches, bare in others — and it kept bowlers of all types interested. Its most significant feature, however, was that it turned and bounced on this opening day and is most unlikely to last four. Paul Strang, the Kent leg spinner, took the new ball last evening and can expect a lot of bowling today.

Perils lie in writing off Gloucestershire, for they have confounded us all this summer. Mark Alleyne has taken to captaincy duties as if born to them and the background influence of Jack Russell has been inspirational. Mike Smith has repeatedly knocked the top off opposition batting and he did so once again yesterday, after Kent had won an influential toss.

Canterbury was looking its best. A heavy dew was lifting under blue September skies and a crowd, later to swell to more than 2,000, was still filling in as Smith struck in his fifth over. His namesake, Ed, was the victim of a familiar dismissal. Forty per cent of Smith's wickets this summer have come through leg-before decisions, mostly from the late inswing he reproduced now.

A similar ball accounted for David Fulton, bowled off his

pads as he played across the line in Smith's next over, and although David Lawrence finished his first, barnstorming spell wicketless, Gloucestershire were envably placed when Ward pulled an underserving ball from Alleyne straight to square leg.

Two things now happened to transfer the initiative. Gloucestershire, through Alleyne and Young, eased the pressure by offering too much that was loose; Kent, through Wells and Walker, took full advantage. Both batsmen needed some luck, but Wells played some majestic strokes, two consecutive arrowed drives off Alleyne offering the memories of the day.

Given the look of the pitch and the threat of this stand, Alleyne took an unconscionable time to try one of his spinners. When he did, for the 44th over, Ball's first delivery turned to have Walker caught behind as he shaped to cut.

Almost immediately, Wells, followed, irritated to fall to a leg-side catch off another stray one from Alleyne. Wells had struck 17 fours in his 77 and if anyone bats better in this game it will be worth seeing, but Kent were now on the slide once more.

In Fleming and Ealham they had the ideal contrasting pair for the situation. Ealham, who averages 58 for the county this year, played correctly in his understated, understated way, while Fleming struck out as if this was a Sunday. They added an invaluable 66 and Fleming had made 46 of them before mistiming an ambitious pull against Young.

Kent's determination to dredge up every available run made for a tense, slow-moving final session. In 28 overs after tea, they added only 54 runs as three of the remaining four wickets fell to spin. Davis, who began his career with Kent, was rewarded for a long and accurate spell of slow left-arm bowling, with the vital wicket of Ealham, and Ball, belatedly recalled, picked up the last two.

Whatever this pair can do, Strang can probably do better. Marsh threw the ball to his Zimbabwean for the first over from the Pavilion End and he immediately found the edge. Batting against him today will be a trial of patience and technique.

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Smith removes Fulton, the Kent opening batsman, as Gloucestershire take an early grip at Canterbury yesterday

## Youth movement favours Yorkshire

By RICHARD HOBSON

HEADINGLEY (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 369 for five wickets against Worcestershire

BACK in 1968, after Yorkshire had won their third successive championship, not even the most begrudging Lancastrian could dare imagine that further success would elude their arch rivals for so long.

The White Rose county have finished in the top five only three times since then, but they began the present round of fixtures only 17 points behind the joint leaders, Kent — who visit Headingley next week — and Glamorgan. No wonder club officials are bristling at the way water seeped under the covers at Old Trafford last week with victory against their neighbours in sight.

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against a Worcestershire side themselves only 22 points behind the leaders. Whether or not Yorkshire succeed this season, there are five players aged 22 or under in the side, which can only be encouraging for future challenges.

Anthony McGrath, one of the youthful quintet, underlined the effort on a pitch that is surprisingly slow, given the need to sat up to be hit and successive batsmen could bring about a result. Anything remotely short of success four off Haynes but three balls later drove lazily to mid-on. White accepted the baton, though, and has already passed his previous best score of the season, 67.

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Lloyd's day is made by shining Knight

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

CHESTER-LE-STREET (first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 338 for five wickets against Durham

RICH rewards awaited David Lloyd, the England coach, on his spying mission at this windswept northern outpost. He saw Nick Knight, the injury-plagued Test batsman, make 92 from 179 balls as Warwickshire swiftly established authority.

Knight, who has sustained two broken fingers this year, made Lloyd's journey especially worthwhile with selection imminent for the England senior and A tours.

Mark Wagh went into the file for future reference, making his maiden championship hundred and advancing to 124, with 11 fours, from 259 balls. He shared an opening partnership of 206 in 63 overs with Knight after Warwickshire had tended towards the frenetic, put on 89, the highest opening stand for Northamptonshire this season.

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Tweets and Clarke added a fortuitous 68 but, thereafter, only DeFreitas threatened to turn the tide that was running strongly against Derbyshire. He swung Akram high over the mid-wicket boundary and tried a similarfeat in the same over, but Penberthy held a good catch, just inside the rope, and the way was open for young Davies, the slow left-arm, to polish off the innings.

Derbyshire found lacking by Fordham

By JACK BAILEY

DERBY (first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 88 runs behind Derbyshire

DOG days at Derby persist. Chris Adams is set on leaving Derbyshire at the end of the season; the county seems equally set on not playing him, though he is fully fit. He and his agent allegedly express disquiet at what this may be doing to the long-term prospects for Adams's career. As matters fail to resolve themselves off the field, so Derbyshire continue to perform well below their best on it.

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### YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship	
Derbyshire v Northamptonshire	
DURHAM (first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 88 runs behind Derbyshire	
Derbyshire: First Innings	
D G Corlett c Taylor ..... 11	
M J May c Carter b Mohammad Akram ..... 43	
J A Tattersall c Ripley b Carter ..... 21	
N J Bell c Ripley b Taylor ..... 49	
M C Cartwright c Ripley b Taylor ..... 13	
M W Alkman c Sibley b Mohammad Akram ..... 13	
D G Pritchard c Pendleton ..... 51	
J A Hamill c Pendleton ..... 21	
S J Lucy not out ..... 9	
A J Harris c Ripley b Davies ..... 0	
D E Macmillan lbw b Davies ..... 4	
E Bates (b 1, nb 2) ..... 12	
Fall of wickets: 1-53, 2-121, 3-122, 4-147, 5-151, 6-155, 7-158, 8-162, 9-166, 10-173, 11-178, 12-183, 13-191, 14-197, 15-203, 16-208, 17-213, 18-218, 19-223, 20-228, 21-233, 22-238, 23-243, 24-248, 25-253, 26-258, 27-263, 28-268, 29-273, 30-278, 31-283, 32-288, 33-293, 34-298, 35-303, 36-308, 37-313, 38-318, 39-323, 40-328, 41-333, 42-338, 43-343, 44-348, 45-353, 46-358, 47-363, 48-368, 49-373, 50-378, 51-383, 52-388, 53-393, 54-398, 55-403, 56-408, 57-413, 58-418, 59-423, 60-428, 61-433, 62-438, 63-443, 64-448, 65-453, 66-458, 67-463, 68-468, 69-473, 70-478, 71-483, 72-488, 73-493, 74-498, 75-503, 76-508, 77-513, 78-518, 79-523, 80-528, 81-533, 82-538, 83-543, 84-548, 85-553, 86-558, 87-563, 88-568, 89-573, 90-578, 91-583, 92-588, 93-593, 94-598, 95-603, 96-608, 97-613, 98-618, 99-623, 100-628, 101-633, 102-638, 103-643, 104-648, 105-653, 106-658, 107-663, 108-668, 109-673, 110-678, 111-683, 112-688, 113-693, 114-698, 115-703, 116-708, 117-713, 118-718, 119-723, 120-728, 121-733, 122-738, 123-743, 124-748, 125-753, 126-758, 127-763, 128-768, 129-773, 130-778, 131-783, 132-788, 133-793, 134-798, 135-803, 136-808, 137-813, 138-818, 139-823, 140-828, 141-833, 142-838, 143-843, 144-848, 145-853, 146-858, 147-863, 148-868, 149-873, 150-878, 151-883, 152-888, 153-893, 154-898, 155-903, 156-908, 157-913, 158-918, 159-923, 160-928, 161-933, 162-938, 163-943, 164-948, 165-953, 166-958, 167-963, 168-968, 169-973, 170-978, 171-983, 172-988, 173-993, 174-998, 175-1003, 176-1008, 177-1013, 178-1018, 179-1023, 180-1028, 181-1033, 182-1038, 183-1043, 184-1048, 185-1053, 186-1058, 187-1063, 188-1068, 189-1073, 190-1078, 191-1083, 192-1088, 193-1093, 194-1098, 195-1103, 196-1108, 197-1113, 198-1118, 199-1123, 200-1128, 201-1133, 202-1138, 203-1143, 204-1148, 205-1153, 206-1158, 207-1163, 208-1168, 209-1173, 210-1178, 211-1183, 212-1188, 213-1193, 214-1198, 215-1203, 216-1208, 217-1213, 218-1218, 219-1223, 220-1228, 221-1233, 222-1238, 223-1243, 224-1248, 225-1253, 226-1258, 227-1263, 228-1268, 229-1273, 230-1278, 231-1283, 232-1288, 233-1293, 234-1298, 235-1303, 236-1308, 237-1313, 238-1318, 239-1323, 240-1328, 241-1333, 242-1338, 243-1343, 244-1348, 245-1353, 246-1358, 247-1363, 248-1368, 249-1373, 250-1378, 251-1383, 252-1388, 253-1393, 254-1398, 255-1403, 256-1408, 257-1413,	



# Culture vultures caught in the past

I came as a pleasant moment of relief in what was necessarily a gloomy newspaper on Monday, reinforcing the truth that trivialities lighten the load of vicarious as well as of personal grief. A couple of letters to *The Times* on the subject of that ancient joke that became a sporting prize and a cultural talisman: the Ashes.

Australia, by virtue of their superior cricket over the Test matches this summer, are the holders of the moral and spiritual Ashes. But the physical Ashes remain, as ever, at Lord's. The Aussies want them, but they are not going to get them.

It is always point, game and set to Australia, but never match. Every time the English play Australia and lose, they snatch moral victory from the jaws of physical defeat by invoking the Cultural Cringe. It never fails. Jolly well played, chaps, but you colonial roughnecks cannot be trusted to look after the actual prize, you know.

For England to play Australia at sport is always to play to the opposition's strengths. The Australians are, in the main,

better at it. There is more sport in the culture, less sneering at sport's simple pleasures. And Australians take international sport rather more intensely than the English.

I remember *Wisden* rhapsodising about the way in which an Australia batsman saluted his Test-matched century by kissing the Australian badge on his helmet. I mean, jolly good, and all that, but an Englishman would *dislike* that. And to watch an Englishman doing so would have most of us reaching for the sick-bag.

Australia lacks the English advantage of several millennia of war, and other carnal, bloody and unnatural acts. And so sport, of necessity, plays a greater part in history. It is a much larger aspect of how the nation defines itself.

Donald Bradman played a crucial role in the defining of modern Australia.

And Douglas Jardine played a crucial role in defining the Mother Country in Australian eyes. His bodyline tactic, and Australia's response to it, was part of the making of a nation. For England, it was mild embarrass-

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

ment. For Australia, it was, and is, one of the turning points of history.

No wonder Australians play their cricket hard and harden all of against England. And yet they never win the final point. They hold all the aces, but England can always play the last trump: the Cultural Cringe. I say, old boy, how many Australians have won the Nobel Prize for Literature? And between gritted teeth they will tell you that Patrick White

(born England, educated Cheltenham and Cambridge) did so in 1973.

So we can bring out the Monty Python jokes from prehistory: the philosophy department from the University of Woggawogg, all the professors called Bruce and singing: "Heidegger, Heidegger was a boozey beggar . . ." Then the one about Australian wine, the peppermint-flavoured Burgundy brewed especially for the throwing-up market . . .

So Australia won the Ashes, which is to be expected, jolly good chaps that they are. And, well, nice enough in their way, of course, but well, I'm sure you know what I mean when I say that the Ashes are much better off where they are.

Ted Dexter has taken a quite reasonable dislike to the Australians. C. B. Fry could only think of one or two who would be acceptable as public school men (he did not, for some reason, intend that as a compliment). A. W. Carr said he would not want to have Australians in his house. Like sport, the Cultural Cringe is an essential aspect of the history of the two nations.

Now I will tell you why the

Cultural Cringe exists and why it is made so much of. It is a matter of envy. No, not really Australia's envy of England's more ancient culture. No. Far more, it is English envy of Australian freedom.

Freedom from shibboleth and class. Freedom from the weight of history. Freedom to live in a big land with space to breathe. Freedom, above all, to invent yourself. Australia is not Utopia, for utopias do not exist. But Australia still in the process of being discovered by itself. It has, and in buckets, that thing we English find so precious, so hard to find, so easy to lose. It has hope. It is, above all, a country of blazing optimism: that is why it is phenomenally appropriate that the millennial Olympic Games should be in Sydney.

England should let the Australians hold the Ashes until the English cricket team wins them back in fair fight. To do anything else would be to behave in a fashion that is uncouth, boorish, lacking in *savoir faire*, reeking of poor sportsmanship, graceless and crass — all together unseemly, uncultured and uncivilised. And that would never do.

**ROWING: LIGHTWEIGHT CREW DOMINATE REPECHAGE TO REACH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FINAL**

## Young eight give Britain fillip

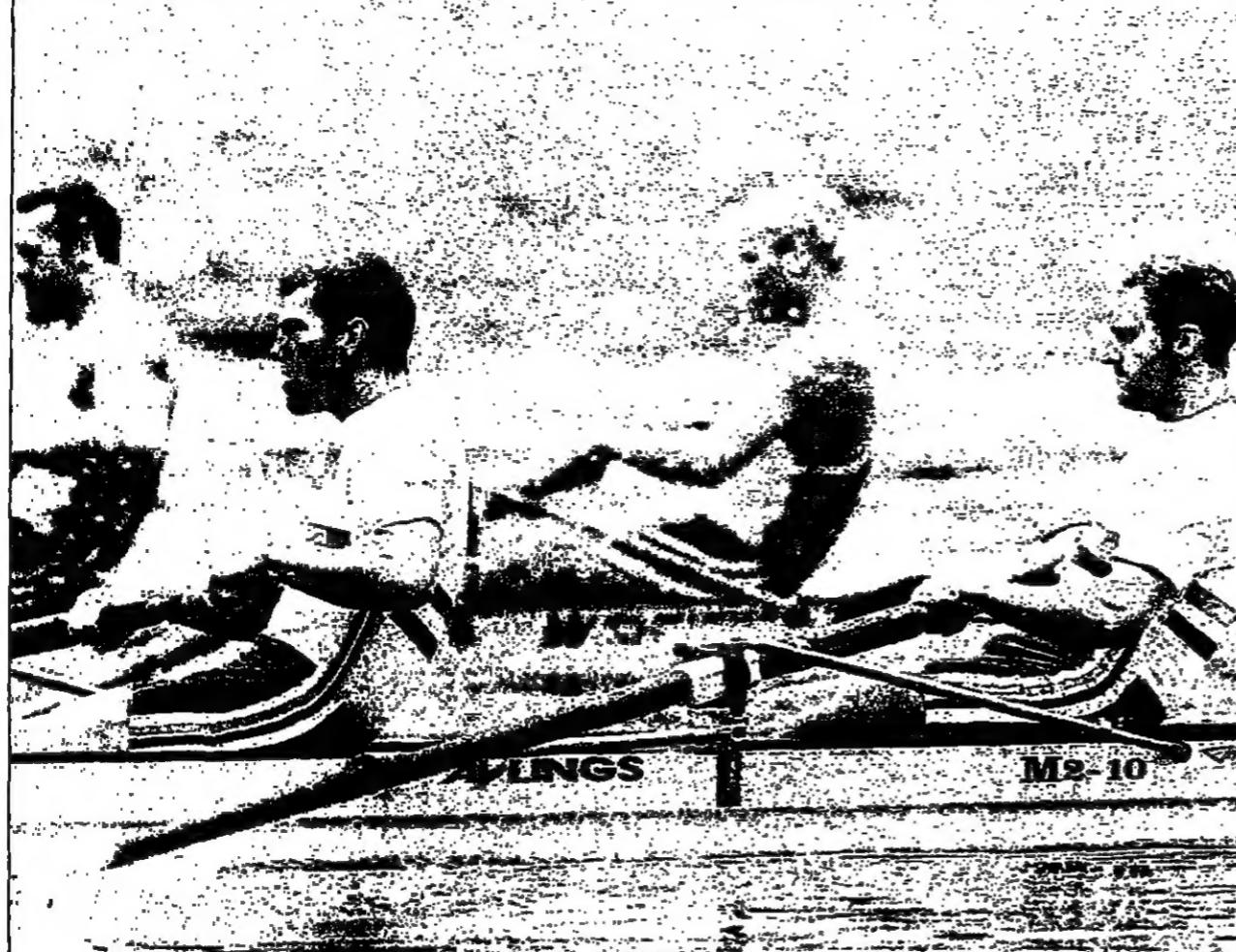
FROM MIKE ROSEWELL  
ROWING CORRESPONDENT  
IN AIGUEBELLETE, FRANCE

JOHN DEAKIN, the cox, said that he could not remember when he last had a comfortable win, after steering the British lightweight eight to first place in their repechage at the world championships here yesterday. Britain beat Australia and Italy by 0.4sec and 0.9sec respectively, "comfortable" in comparison with Deakin's one-foot and two-foot wins in Henley finals this year.

The six-crew repechage, from which the leading four go through to the final on Saturday, was a classic. Less than a boat's length separated the crews to 1,500 metres, at which point the British were third behind Italy and Australia, and ahead of Germany, Denmark, and Holland. "We were still in pretty good shape," Deakin said, "and we pushed, rather than being sucked in by Germany." With 20 strokes to go, he said to the crew: "Let's go and win it." They did just that.

Jim McNiven, 32, rowing at four and a member of the British lightweight eight that won gold in 1994, thinks the present young line-up is just as good. McNiven, formerly a soldier, with operational tours of Northern Ireland and the Falklands, wore the black ribbon that will be worn by all the British team on Saturday, the day of the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Britain's coxed pair of Bob



Hunt-Davis, left, and Thatcher book a place in the coxed pairs semi-finals. Photograph: Mike Hewitt / Allsport

Thatcher and Ben Hunt-Davis, unexpectedly beaten by Italy on Sunday, made amends by winning their repe-

chage to book a semi-final place. They remained calm as Poland and Norway, clearly more rushed than the British, led to halfway. An impressively smooth increase in pressure swept the British to a controlled win.

"When we try and lead from the start, we overlook it," Hunt-Davis said. "It's fortunate we didn't win rowing like we did on Sunday. It gave us an extra race to get it right." Peter Sheppard, their coach, considers four or five crews to be of equal speed. "The crew that paces it best will come through," he said.

Britain's two female scull-

ers, Gwyn Batten (heavyweight) and Jane Hall (lightweight), negotiated their repechages successfully, and progressed to the semi-finals.

Batten found herself in the familiar company of Maria Brandini of Sweden, a former world champion, who beat her at Henley this year. Batten followed her race-plan to 1,250 metres, when she was in a comfortable, qualifying, second place behind the Swedes. This contented her, and Miles Forbes-Thomas, her coach, said: "To go for it would have been silly and unnecessary." Jane Hall also qualified with a second placing and, so far, has

been beaten only by two other competitors.

The men's coxed pair of Mat McQuillan and Rory Morrison were Britain's first competitors to be eliminated yesterday, missing qualification by a split-second.

Britain now has three crews in finals, eight in semi-finals, and seven more — including the men's and women's heavyweight eights — racing in repechages today.

After a request from the British team management, the Union Jack will be flown at half-mast during any medal ceremonies involving British crews.

### BOWLS

## Price savours singular feat

BY GORDON DUNWOODIE

MARY PRICE stepped in to capture the Atlantic Rim singles championship in Llanbedrion Wells yesterday after Margaret Johnston, the former world champion, slipped up in her concluding match, and then admitted that she is not really a fan of the singles game. "While I have enjoyed the competition over the last week, I do prefer the camaraderie of the team events more than singles play," the new champion said.

Price's statement is all the more remarkable as just last month she retained the English women's singles championship at Leamington Spa, becoming only the second player to mount a successful defence of the title.

Until last week, Price had not managed a win at this level of competition, but a victory with Kath Hawes in the pairs set her up for a unique double gold. "I've got myself into a winning position on a couple of occasions and then blown it, and now in the space of seven days I've won twice," Price said. "It's amazing how things work out."

A route to victory for the England international was opened up after Johnston, of

Ireland, lost 25-24 to Jo Peacock, the defending champion, from South Africa. Johnston had hauled herself back into contention despite dropping 18-10 behind after 18 ends. Helped by a count of four on the 24th end and three match-saving bowls, she levied at 24-24 going into the 33rd and deciding end.

Johnston looked as if she was about to complete her great escape when she drew shot with her penultimate delivery, but Peacock sneaked



Price: unique double

in to recapture it with her third bowl, and when Johnston's last despairing effort missed its target, her chance had gone. Price, meanwhile, had been battling away against Mary De Lisle, from the United States, on an adjacent green. "I was trying desperately to keep my mind on my own game," she said.

That she succeeded in doing as she ran out a 25-15 winner to secure the title, Peacock's efforts against Johnston just failed to give her a bronze medal as she was edged into fourth place by Betty Morgan, of Wales, after her 25-22 win against Jean Joubert, of Namibia.

South Africa, already assured of the fours gold medal, finished in style with a 24-18 win over Ireland. The Wales rink skipped by Rita Jones took the silver after overcoming Namibia 29-9.

Scotland, on the same points as Wales but with an inferior shot aggregate, had to settle for bronze after their 24-13 win over Israel. Wales took the team event, with England second and South Africa third.

TELEVISION CHOICE

## An evening of exotic taste

BBC Proms

BBC 2, 7.30pm

Exotic night at the Albert Hall with the Royal Concertgebouw conducted by Riccardo Chailly returning to the Proms. They play the sharply contrasting *Three Preludes* by the Dutch composer Tristian Keuris, who died last year. The rapidly rising young Russian pianist, Arkady Volodos, makes his Proms debut with Rachmaninov's *Second Piano Concerto* and during the interval watch for a "dark, erotic tale of lust and murder" in a film by Andy King, narrated by Fenella Fielding telling the lurid tale of Bartok's *The Miraculous Mandarin*. The original text is set to a series of pictures, more than 100 of them, commissioned for this programme from the artist Mina Martinez. The evening concludes with the starkly less lurid *Dance of the Seven Veils* from the opera *Salomé* by Richard Strauss — and we all know what Salomé got up to...

**TOMORROW'S WORLD**

BBC 1, 7.30pm

We can expect — but no preview tape was made available — a facelift for the 32-year-old science mag as it returns with new opening titles, a new theme tune, a futuristic set and that fishy little baby, now floating through state of the art 3-D graphics. Bringing his famous boyish enthusiasm into play as a presenter is *Newsham's Peter Snow*, who starts his new job with a report on the final preparations for the greatest race in history, scheduled to take place in the heart of New York City later this month. Can Richard Noble and Andy Green break the land speed record (and the sound barrier) with Britain's *Thriss SSC*? Philip Forrester reports from Australia on a pioneering vaccine spray for diabetes and Craig Doyle challenges his own fear and loathing of spiders with a new virtual reality technique.

**CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

BBC 1, 8.00pm

It's hard to know whether you need a strong heart or a strong stomach to watch this series. Both, ideally, as we follow the fortunes of Tom, a premature twin, born 13 weeks early, and seen undergoing complex surgery to close a hole in her

diaphragm. But this first episode does lure us in with a lovely bit of sitcom from Nurse John Horley as he tries (frustringly) to contact the School of Tropical Medicine in London to ask whether a certain small dead snake could have poisoned the little boy who found it (it didn't). Then there's Martin Stowell, a bolshy teenager who "surfed" a railway line and was almost lethally burnt by overhead electric cables. A gum-cheeving Jack the Lad, he still manages a brave face as he is prepared for his ninth, almost unwatchable, scalp operation.

**THE X-FILES**

BBC 1, 9.30pm

The returning series seems to be straying more than ever into David Lynch territory — but it's none the worse for that and I am sure the co-writer of this episode, one David Duchovny, would be flattered. Though some of the characters will seem familiar, *Talitha Cumi* is a new tale which looks set to run and run. It begins irresistibly in the eponymous fast food restaurant in Arlington, Virginia, where a character we shall call The Gentle Looking Man stops a mad gunman just with a laying on of hands brings those already shot back to life. But what is his connection with the sinister Cigarette Smoking Man? And how does Agent Mulder's mother — seen arguing with the aforementioned Cigarette Smoking Man — then collapsing with a heart attack — fit into the opaque scheme of things?

Elizabeth Cowley

RADIO CHOICE

**THE ARCHERS**

BBC 4, 7.05pm

The reader of *The Times* whose reaction to the forthcoming changes in Radio 4 was to write asking if there was any chance of a reduction in Ambridge amateur dramatics will be particularly delighted to have me point out that the Lower Lodge production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* opens tonight. The main excitement as tonight approaches concerns whether Roy's stage fight will prevent him playing Lysander and whether (this being an open air production) it will rain. The latter problem is unlikely, because Ambridge has its own weather. If you sense flippancy, I can only plead a persistent case of indifference to radio's longest-running soap, doubtless due to a personality flaw. Peter Barnard

### RADIO 1

6.00am Kevin Greening 9.30 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicki Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session with Steve Lamacq 8.30 Global Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00am Clive Warren 4.00 Chris Moyles

### RADIO 2

6.00am Alan Lester 7.30 Wake up to Wogan 8.30 Ken Bruce 8.45 Jimmy Young 9.30 Debbie Dicks 10.00 Ed Stewart 10.55 John Dunn 11.00 Nick Bachelder 12.00 Thérèse 12.30 John Inverdale 1.00 Paul O'Grady 2.00 Radio 2 News 3.00 Breakfast 3.30 Megafax 4.05 Sport 4.15 Performance 4.30 Radio 2 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business 6.15 The World Today 6.30 News in German 6.45 Sport 7.30 The Works 8.00 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack 9.00 NewsHour 10.05 Bushmeat 10.15 British Today 10.30 On Screen 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.00 NewsOutlook 12.30 Multitrack 1.30 F.O.C. 1.45 British Today 2.00 News in German 3.00 Meridian Books 4.05 Business 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

### CLASSIC FM

3.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Alan Mann 9.00 Henry Kelly 10.00 Lunchtime Requests 2.00 Classic Concerto, Hummel (Trumpet Concerto in E flat major) 3.00 Jamie Crichton 7.00 Classic Newswight 7.30 Sonata, Beethoven (Piano Sonata No 1 in F minor, Op 2, No 1) 8.00 Classic Concert, Boccherini (Guitar Quintet in C major, No 9 G 453); Aronauer (Cello Sonata in E flat major, No 19); Müller (Clarinet Sonata in three hands in C major); Mozart (Clarinet Concerto in A major, K561) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00am Classic Concerto (1)

### VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Russ 'n' Jon 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Robin Banks 5.00 Paul Coyle (FM) 7.00 Nick Abbot (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00pm Richard Porter

### RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Berioz (Tristan); Copland (Quiet City); Spohr (Waltz in A, Op 89); Enescu (Romanian Rhapsody No 2); Glazunov (Wedding Procession); Beethoven (Sonata in F, Op 1)

9.00 Morning Connection, with Catriona Young, includes Mozart (Flute Quartet in G, K285a); Humperdinck (Dream Performance); Hansel and Gretel; Elgar (Love's Tempest; Serenade; Zut, Zut, Zup); Shostakovich (Cello Concerto No 1)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris Wines. Includes Bach (Orchestral Suite No 2 in B flat, BWV1067); Ravel (Introduction and Allegro); Maher (Revelage); Des Knaben Wunderhorn; Bartok (Contrasts); Faure (Berceuse); Puccini (Tosca); Tchaikovsky (String Quartet No 2 in F, Op 22)

12.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Schubert. 1.00pm Birmingham Lunchtime Concert. Another chance to hear a concert recorded in 1996. Endellion Quartet, Haydn (String Quartet in B flat, No 64, No 4, Sunrise); Shostakovich (String Quartet No 7); Hindemith (Overture: The Flying Dutchman, 1917)

2.00 BBC Proms 97. Another chance to hear Sunday's concert featuring Dawn Upshaw, soprano, Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra, under Esa-Pekka Salonen. Andrei Bilibin (Liquid Marble); Sibelius (Symphony No 3); Britten (Les Illuminations); Stravinsky (Symphony in Three Movements) (1)

4.00 Proms in the Evening, Live from St Bride's Church





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Kent's tailenders  
lead push for  
championship

Spaniard's refusal to prove fitness brings Ryder Cup rejection

## Europe rule out Martin

By JOHN HOPKINS  
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

MIGUEL ANGEL MARTIN, the Spanish golfer, was summarily dismissed from the Europe Ryder Cup team last night. He was replaced by José María Olazábal for the match against the United States at Valderrama, southern Spain, from September 26-28.

Mitchell Platts, a spokesman for the Ryder Cup Committee, said yesterday: "Miguel Angel, who, because of injury, has not played competitive golf since July 18, has been requested to demonstrate that there was a reasonable likelihood that he would be fit and competitive for the Ryder Cup matches. Miguel Angel informed the Ryder Cup committee that he did not think it was necessary or convenient in his recuperation programme to play 18 holes of golf at Valderrama on Wednesday [today], which would have provided this opportunity."

This abrupt announcement came on a day in which the uncertainty surrounding Martin and his fitness was replaced by sourness after an exchange of faxes between himself and the committee. Martin had refused to submit to a fitness test under the terms outlined by the committee and was maintaining his right to a longer period of recovery from his wrist injury than the committee was prepared to grant him.

"It's crazy, a very, very silly decision. I am going straight to my lawyers in the morning and I'm going to fight this as hard as I can," Martin said. "The Ryder Cup is in Spain for the first time and I am not just going to say that this decision is okay."

The Europe team could not be announced last Sunday because of doubts over Martin's health. It was said then that Martin would have to undergo a fitness test in Madrid today.

Yesterday, he received a fax from the committee asking him to be at Valderrama at 9am to play a round under the eyes of Angel Gallardo, a vice-chairman of the PGA European Tour, and two doctors. On his own doctor's advice,



The controversial exclusion of Martin has left the way open for Ballesteros, the Europe captain, to select Faldo, right, for the Ryder Cup

Martin refused to go. "I am not going," he said. "I can't play 18 holes properly at this time. I have been working with physios and they don't recommend that I go there. They are doing things every day for my wrist and my recovery would be harmed by hitting shots now."

The Ryder Cup Committee held an emergency meeting and decided that Martin had ruled himself out of consideration. "The Ryder Cup Committee and the captain have agreed that, currently, there is an indisputable presumption that, even if Miguel Angel was fit to play in the matches, which is in doubt, that he

cannot be competitive at Ryder Cup level," Platts said.

"The proposal of Miguel Angel playing 18 holes on Wednesday was intended to give him every opportunity of countering this presumption.

As Miguel Angel has not availed himself of this opportunity, the Ryder Cup Committee and the captain have, with regret, informed Miguel Angel that he will be replaced." Platts added that the committee and the captain understood that Martin would be extremely disappointed, but hoped that, in time, he would understand and accept the decision.

It is a brave stand by the committee and they may yet be involved in legal action, initiated by Martin, who appears to have a moral case. He had earned his place in the team by the appointed date by finishing tenth in the points-

table, and the match was still three weeks away. He suspected that there was a plan to remove him. "I don't think Seve [Ballesteros] wants me on the team. I am positive of that," he said.

Olazábal, who finished eleventh in the table, has now moved up to qualify automatically for the team. It leaves Ballesteros able to pick two other players, the obvious ones being Nick Faldo and Jesper Parnevik. A Europe team that does not include all

three is not Europe's strongest team. It is hard not to be cynical and question whether the committee would have pushed Martin quite so hard if the eleventh man in the team was Padraig Harrington or Paul Broadhurst, good players but not as good as Olazábal.

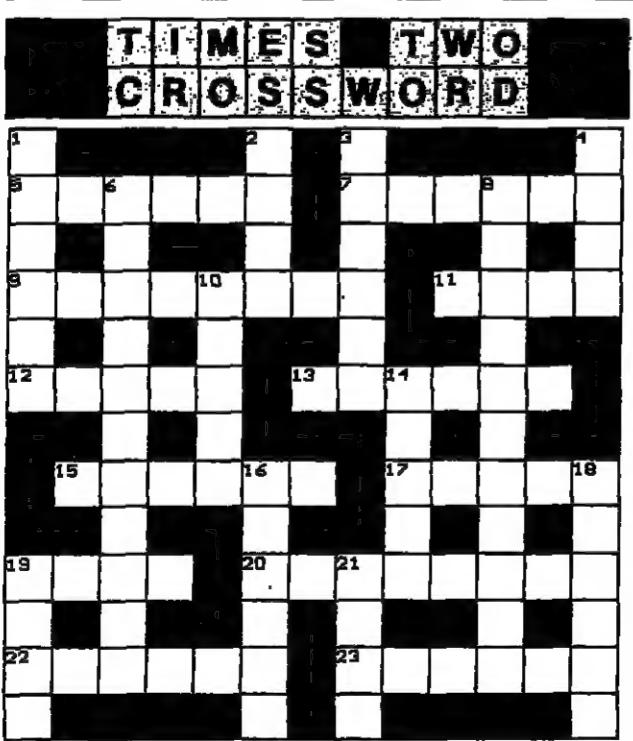
"This is a question of fitness, nothing else," Ken Schofield, executive director of the PGA European Tour and a co-opted member of the Ryder Cup Committee, said. "The reality is that this is a team. The committee's remit is to supply the captain with 12 fit players by qualification and wild card.

If there is an injury to the tenth-placed player, as is the case this time, the eleventh-placed man automatically moves up." Ballesteros will name his two wild-card players after the first round of the European Masters in Switzerland tomorrow.

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Martin's omission has removed the smile from his face



**ACROSS**  
5 Provoke; sounds like visible (6)  
7 Picnic basket; impede (6)  
9 Sounds of merriment (8)  
11 Depend; suspend (4)  
12 A liquid; held by the creditable (5)  
13 Say (poem) from memory (5)  
15 Request to God (6)  
17 One very prejudiced (5)  
19 Applaud (4)  
20 Very important; red shade (8)  
22 Make impatient movements (6)  
23 London borough; Oxford college (6)  
**SOLUTION TO NO 1188**  
ACROSS: 1 Rapacity, 5 Spot, 8 Verdi, 9 Midwife, 11 Lay, 12 Crossant, 13 Tiraide, 15 Invert, 18 Reconride, 19 Spa, 20 Bicker, 21 Exile, 22 Tied, 23 Hostelry  
**DOWNS:** 1 Bivouac, 2 Percy, 3 Coincidence, 4 Tomboy, 5 Primate, 7 Theft, 10 Disinterred, 14 Recycle, 16 Tragedy, 17 Fiasco, 18 Robot, 19 Spill

**SOLUTION TO TIMES TWO CROSSWORD 1184**  
In association with BRITISH MIDLANDS.  
**ACROSS:** 1 Pick, 3 Pechant, 9 Petty, 10 Confirm, 11 Lionesse, 12 Flap, 14 Sinevvy, 16 Travel, 18 Moor, 19 Cabaret, 22 Elision, 23 Swine, 24 Dietrich, 25 Knot.  
**DOWNS:** 1 Populist, 2 Cut down to size, 4 Excise, 5 Conifer, 6 Animadversion, 7 Tome, 8 Hyde, 13 Ill-treat, 15 Warrior, 17 Scenic, 20 Bass, 21 Feed.  
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## Fresh approach puts Rusedski in the mood to tame Krajicek

FROM DAVID POWELL IN NEW YORK

GREG RUSEDSKI was standing on the steps outside the Arthur Ashe Stadium here at Flushing Meadows when a tournament representative from the Grand Slam Cup introduced himself. "You're in," he told the British quarter-finalist in the men's singles at the US Open. "Are you sure?" Rusedski replied. Confirmation was offered and Rusedski flashed one of his engaging smiles.

The assurance, though premature, sent Rusedski off in even higher spirits. The Grand Slam Cup, three weeks hence, is a \$6 million tournament in Munich, the richest of the year, designed for the 16 players with the best cumulative results from the four grand-slam tournaments. Rusedski has never appeared in it and, on the strength of his performance here and his run to the quarter-finals at Wimbledon, he is all but guaranteed a place.

Having arrived within one match of becoming the first British man since John Lloyd, 20 years ago, to reach the semi-finals of a grand-slam singles, and even with Richard Krajicek, the 1996 Wimbledon champion, barring his way, Rusedski was in ebullient mood. All he must avoid now is a repeat of his Wimbledon metamorphosis, when he strode into the quarter-finals with a crushing victory, only to be overwhelmed by Cedric Pioline.

At Wimbledon, Rusedski admitted to fatigue after a run of impressive form at Nottingham and Queen's. That, combined with the weight of expectation and Pioline's fierce service returns and delicacy of touch, led the Briton to defeat in straight sets. Having won

times." The most recent was two weeks ago in New Haven, when Krajicek was beginning to pick up form after losing his Wimbledon title. He lost there to Tim Henman and responded by taking a holiday.

"I was really down for two days," Krajicek, of Holland, said. "I did not lose to a much better player. I lost because I did not take my chances. It was my own fault. That really bothered me. I went on holiday and did not touch a racket for two weeks but I was working out, running, swimming, just sweating out all the negative energy."

Five tournaments later, Krajicek is back serving and volleying no less impressively than Rusedski, and his heavy forehand winners will make short work of Felix Mantilla, the No 12 seed, from Spain, in the fourth round.

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Rusedski contemplates his surprise defeat by Korda

Scotland opt to play on despite funeral

By JOHN GOODBODY AND NICHOLAS WATT

THE Government last night voiced its concern at the decision by the Scottish Football Association (SFA) to go ahead with the World Cup qualifying match against Belarus on Saturday, when the vast majority of sporting events have been cancelled or postponed because of the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, has confirmed that he is keen to help. He said: "We shall be talking about what can be achieved."

The finals of the world rowing championships, which are taking place in Aiguebelette, in France, may be moved. Fifa, the world governing body, has asked the European Broadcasting Union if it can rearrange the scheduled broadcast on Saturday. This would include the final of the codless fours in which the British crew of Steve Redgrave, Matthew Pinsent, Tim Foster and James Cracknell will be competing.

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Smith has been asked by Aberdeen contacted the Evening Express yesterday to say that it would be wrong to hold the match on Saturday. Philip Greig, 43, said: "It would be totally insensitive and disgusting to play the game on Saturday just a few hours after the Princess has been laid to rest. I would rather give Belarus three points and retain some dignity for Aberdeen."

The SFA contacted Buckingham Palace, the Government, Fifa, the world governing body of football, and the Belarus FA for advice on what action to take. Although Fifa and the Belarus FA agreed in principle to a switch of dates, Farry said: "There were international pressures for the game to go ahead as planned."

The Football Association in England said that it remained "very keen" to honour the memory of the Princess by staging a charity match to raise funds for the Bosnian victims of landmines. A spokeswoman said: "The Prin-

cess was obviously very hap-

py on the landmines issue and we were already having talks with charity organisations before the Princess died."

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